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Housing amnesty a success

STAR WARDS



Star Wars star John Boyega made one little boy's dream come true when he visited him at the Royal London Hospital in Whitechapel. The actor, who plays Finn in the latest installment of the sci-fi blockbuster, spent the afternoon with five-year-old Daniel Bell, who is being treated for a brain tumour. See page 3 for the full story.

BY SUSAN MULLIGAN

A COUNCIL campaign, offering an 'amnesty' to tenants who have been illegally subletting social housing, looks set to save hundreds of thousands of pounds per year.

During the two-month amnesty, which ran from January 11 to March 6, eight illegally sublet properties were immediately recovered and dozens of solid leads to fraudulent tenancies generated across the borough.

The Office for National Statistics estimates that each illegally sublet social housing property costs the council £18,000 per year.

A shortage of housing, and demand for central locations, mean that the number of illegally sublet social properties in a borough like Tower Hamlets is a barrier to local families being allocated homes.

Tenancy fraud means that homeless families often have to wait longer to get an offer of social housing.

Private tenants, who sign up for rental contracts without realising they are occupying a

council flat, also need to find alternative housing.

Last year, the council seized 42 properties in breach of council tenant contracts and re-let them to people in genuine need.

Tenants who handed back their keys during the amnesty campaign will avoid prosecution, as long as they were not already under investigation.

But the council has said it will use the full extent of its powers to prosecute those believed to be illegally subletting their property.

Offenders can face criminal

court, fines of up to £5,000 and custodial sentences.

Any money tenants make through illegal subletting will also be recovered under the Prevention Of Housing Social Fraud Act.

The amnesty also generated additional leads. A number of benefit and council tax fraud cases are now being investigated as the borough continues its work to stamp out fraud.

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Disaster response

Dr Joan March, now 100, was on duty at Queen Elizabeth Children's Hospital on the night of the disaster.

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Shining light on civilian disaster

The memorial in Bethnal Green Gardens will have 173 conicals in the roof, letting beams of light shine through, in memory of the victims of the worst civilian disaster of the Second World War.

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Tube disaster victims honoured 73 years on

BY JESSICA ODUBAYO

VISITORS remembered the 173 people who died in the Bethnal Green Tube disaster at a memorial service on March 6.

The tragedy happened, on March 3, 1943, when a crowd of people were crushed on the station stairway, which was used as an air-raid shelter during the Second World War.

Members of the emergency services, community leaders, pearly kings and queens and celebrities were among those who attended the service at St John on Bethnal Green Church, alongside survivors, relatives of those who died, residents and well-wishers.

One-hundred-year-old Dr Joan Martin and nurse Doris Russell, who were both on A&E duty on the night of the disaster, were also in attendance.

Reverend Alan Green, rector of St John on Bethnal Green, and Leon Silver of Nelson Street Synagogue in Poplar led the service and praised the charitable committee working to complete a memorial in Bethnal Green Gardens in



A floral tribute was laid to the victims

honour of the victims. Charity secretary Sandra Scotting gave an update on the progress of the project and reported that there had been delays in the import of material for the monument.

The material is now being tested and legal issues are being dealt with

before the work is due to be completed this summer.

After the service, the congregation crossed the road to lay wreaths and observe a minute's silence in front of the partially built Stairway to Heaven memorial, in Bethnal Green Gardens.



Rev Christine Hall and Rev Alan Green light candles



Dr Joan March was working on the night of the disaster

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STAR WARS ACTOR JOHN BOYEGA

News

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THE council has teamed-up with Bacs Payment Schemes (Bacs) to offer council taxpayers a chance to win £10,000.

Tower Hamlets is one of eight London boroughs taking part in the campaign, with those

living in Barnet, Brent, City of Westminster, Islington, Kensington and Chelsea, Lewisham and Southwark also eligible for entry into the draw.

To be in with a chance of winning the £10,000 prize, res-

idents must register to pay their council tax bill by direct debit before 5pm on Friday, July 15.

For more information on the free prize draw and how to sign up to pay by direct debit visit

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People who already pay their council tax by Direct Debit will automatically be entered into the prize draw.

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News in brief

Residents hit out at Harca parking hike

RESIDENTS of a social housing provider have expressed their disappointment about proposed increases to the cost of parking on their estates.

Syeda Begum, who lives in Bromley High Street, said the current cost of £1.96 a week for a parking space, is going up to £7 per week from April.

She said the increases were much more than other social housing landlords who were putting their estate parking charges up by a few pence per week.

"The increase will negatively impact most residents, especially since many are on low incomes and in receipt of benefits," Ms Begum said.

Another resident, Litu Miah who lives in Poplar, contacted East End Life. He said the weekly cost of his parking space was being increased from £3 to £15.

A spokeswoman for Poplar Harca said: "The year-on-year increase in percentage terms is high – but in cash terms it will cost £1 a day for a dedicated parking space. The additional income will protect services, jobs and development of new affordable homes."

Choir at Rich Mix

BENGALI Choir will perform the music of one Indian composer Salil Chowdhury at Rich Mix on Sunday, April 3. The free event runs from 12noon-3pm.

The Force is strong with this one...

BY JESSICA ODUBAYO

STAR Wars actor John Boyega made dreams come true for five-year-old Daniel Bell and other young patients when he made a special visit to the Royal London Hospital on Friday, March 11.

Daniel, who is receiving treatment for a brain tumour, wanted to meet Finn, his favourite character from Star Wars: The Force Awakens.

Rays of Sunshine, a children's charity that helps to grant the wishes of seriously ill children, organised the visit.

And the BAFTA award-winning actor jumped at the opportunity of making Daniel's dream become a reality.

John arrived dressed in character for some one-to-one time with Daniel and his sister, Layla. He taught them some top lightsaber moves and tricks and went on to deliver toys to other young patients at the Whitechapel hospital.

Daniel's mum Rosalind said: "Daniel loves Star Wars and especially Finn – he thinks he is super cool and runs around the house pretending to be him.

"To see Daniel smile like that without a care in the world

after everything he's been through is priceless.

"Both Rays of Sunshine and John Boyega together have changed Daniel's world for him. These things can't be bought and really do mean the world. There are no words to express how grateful we are. He's on cloud nine! Or should we say, somewhere past Jakkul!"

John said: "When I heard about Daniel's wish to meet Finn, I jumped at the chance to make it come true.

"It was fantastic to be a part of his very special wish. He is an amazing and inspirational boy and it was a pleasure to meet him and his family. It was also great to meet the children at The Royal London and be a part of something so positive."

Tara Shea, play team leader at hospital run by Barts Health NHS Trust, said special visits help provide happy experiences during what can be a difficult time for children with serious illnesses or those who spend long periods on the wards.

"As Daniel knows what it is like to be in hospital, it was so lovely for him to want to use his wish and help out our patients. We were all touched and moved by the afternoon," Tara said.



John gives Daniel lightsaber tips, watched by sister Layla

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Restaurant's £7,000 fine for kitchen descaler 'drink'

A JAPANESE restaurant has been fined almost £7,000 after a customer inadvertently drank kitchen descaler.

Representatives of The Japanese Canteen, in Middlesex Street, Spitalfields, pleaded guilty at a hearing at Thames Magistrates' Court on February 11.

It follows a complaint received by the council from a customer who alleged that kitchen descaler was in the Jasmine tea they ordered.

The customer felt a burning sensation in their throat but thankfully suffered no recurring health issues.

The company met with council representatives in June 2015 and admitted that the incident had taken place.

They admitted that no records

proved that staff had been trained in health and safety procedures.

In court, the company's representatives claimed that leniency should be given as it was an isolated incident and phosphorus acid found in descaler is also used in Coca Cola. They said that the company had an exemplary history, took immediate steps to rectify the situation and co-operated fully with the investigation.

In view of this, it was fined £4,000, ordered to pay costs of £2,750 and a victim surcharge of £120. The total amount payable was £6,970.

If you suspect a business to be falling foul of food hygiene legislation, call 7364 5008 or email foodsafety@towerhamlets.gov.uk

Witness appeal over hit-and-run

BY STAFF REPORTER

POLICE have launched an appeal in a bid to trace witnesses they believe could hold vital information following the death of a woman in Stepney.

The London Ambulance Service called officers at about 9.05pm on Thursday, December 10, 2015 to an injured woman in Cannon Street Road, near the junction with The Highway, E1.

The 37-year-old woman had sustained critical head injuries after being knocked down by

a van, which then drove off. She was pronounced dead at the scene a short while later.

The van was subsequently traced to an address in Bethnal Green and a man was arrested.

A post-mortem examination on December 11 at Poplar Mortuary gave the cause of death as a head injury.

While some witnesses have come forward to speak to police, officers are keen to trace at least two men, both described as Asian, who assisted an off-duty police officer who was administering first aid to the

victim at the scene. They would also like to speak to the driver of a vehicle, described as a transit-sized van, possibly a maintenance vehicle, that was seen in the area and the driver of a Vauxhall Zafira car, which was parked in Cannon Street Road, near St George In The East Church parish office. It is believed this person would have witnessed the incident.

Anyone with information that could assist the investigation is asked to contact the roads and transport policing command on 8597 4874 or call Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.

News in brief

Rent advice group

A NEW drop-in advisory service for private renters has been launched in Shadwell.

Campaign group Tower Hamlets Renters has been formed to help tenants facing eviction or living in poor conditions.

The group will run advice sessions at St George's Town Hall, 236 Cable Street on the first Tuesday of each month, from 12noon-2pm, and the third Tuesday from 6-8pm.

Follow @THRenters on Twitter or visit <https://towerhamletsrenters.wordpress.com>

Makers' market

DESIGNERS, artists and crafters will showcase their work at a 'maker' market at Mile End Pavilion, Grove Road, on Saturday, April 23 from 11am-5pm. www.urbanmakerseast.co.uk

Seren Lant, 9, and brother Dylan, 8 (pictured), celebrated Fairtrade Fortnight with a slap-up breakfast at St Mary's Bow Church on March 6.

The theme for this year's event, from February 29 to March 13, was 'Sit down for breakfast, stand up for farmers!'

The church serves Fairtrade tea and coffee and holds a monthly Traidcraft stall.

The breakfast featured lots of tasty food and drink and helped highlight the crucial role Fairtrade plays supporting farmers and communities all around the world.

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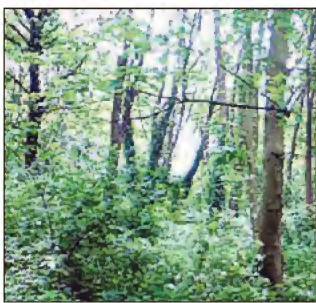


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Easter out & about



From left: Science rules!; Teethtastic; Egg-cellent eggs; canoeing at the Urban Adventure Base; Forest School Holiday Club; and Bagpuss at the Easter weekend small films marathon

Have a fortnight of fun this Easter

Enjoy the great outdoors, Easter arts and crafts, egg hunts and more

Free sessions at the Urban Adventure Base, Mile End Park.

■ Wednesday, March 30, 1-3pm – **Canoeing** (ages 11-13).

■ Wednesday, March 30, 5-7pm – **Canoeing** (ages 14-19).

■ Thursday, March 31, 1-3pm – **Cycling** (ages 8-12).

■ Thursday, March 31, 5-7pm – **Cycling** (ages 8-12).

■ Friday, April 1, 9am-5:30pm – **Climbing** (ages 11-19) – at Southern Sandstone, Tunbridge Wells.



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Easter Eggs-travaganza

Egg hunt plus arts and crafts at 12noon on Thursday, March 24 at the Hub Building, Victoria Park.

Sneak preview of **theatre show Rapture** on Thursday, March 31 at Brady Arts Centre, Hanbury Street. Email canan.salih@towerhamlets.gov.uk

Free arts and crafts workshops at the council's Idea Stores.

■ Sunday, March 20 at 2.15pm – **Easter card making**, Idea Store Canary Wharf.

■ Tuesday, March 29 at 2pm – **Easter bonnet workshop**, Idea Store Watney Market.

■ Wednesday, March 30 at 3pm – **Easter book hunt**, Idea Store Whitechapel.

■ Thursday, March 31 at 2pm – **Make your own rabbit**, Idea Store Watney Market.

■ Tuesday, April 5 at 2pm – **Create a Peter Rabbit comic**, Idea Store Watney Market.

■ Thursday, April 7 at 2pm – **Beatrix Potter Easter quiz**, Idea Store Watney Market.

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Cosmic Shoebox Workshop

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Make fires, build dens, hunt bugs, play games and explore the park. Ages 6+.

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Egg-cellent eggs

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My Grandpa's amazing inventions

Interactive telling of Richard Johnson's classic story. Ages 5+.

Weds, Apr 6, 12noon-12.30pm, 2-2.30pm & 3-3.30pm.

Museum of London Docklands. 7001 9844

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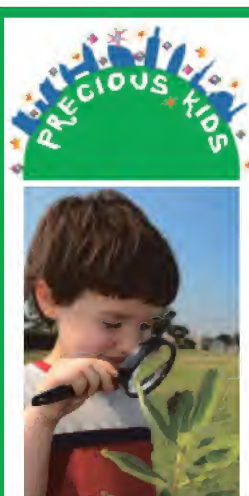
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Legends at Millwall

International giants Scott Quinnell and Will Greenwood launch charity scheme at Millwall Rugby Club.

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News



PRINCE Harry made a surprise visit to the borough to support a sports charity helping unemployed people into work. The prince joined rugby stars Scott Quinnell and Will Greenwood at Millwall Rugby Club on the Isle of Dogs on March 16. See page 37 for the full story.

Bow pizza takeaway fined £8,000 for mice infestation

AN infestation of mice discovered in a popular Bow takeaway has led to the owner being fined almost £8,000.

Flavas Pizza was temporarily closed for two days in December 2014 by the council's environmental health team using emergency closure powers.

Officers discovered a significant amount of mouse droppings under, on and behind equipment at the premises on Roman Road.

There was evidence of entry points for rodents throughout the premises and gnawed food packaging.

Mouse droppings were also found on a storage shelf while food debris and mouse droppings under fridges and on equipment presented an

environmental health risk.

The business was allowed to re-open once conditions had been improved.

Two of the company directors of Next Level Trading Ltd entered nine guilty pleas in a hearing at Thames Magistrates' Court on Thursday, February 11.

The company was fined £4,000, costs of £3,500 and a victim surcharge of £120. The total fine was £7,620.

Flavas Pizza received a Food Hygiene Rating Scheme score of one during a follow-up visit by the council in February 2016 – highlighting the need for improvement.

If you suspect a business to be falling foul of food hygiene legislation, call 7364 5008 or email foodsafety@towerhamlets.gov.uk

'Lengthy jail term' for £1.6m fraud

BY STAFF REPORTER

THREE people who carried out a sophisticated benefit fraud scam are facing a lengthy jail term.

Chowdury Mueyed, 51, and Asma Khanam, 47, of Horns Road, Ilford, and Habibur Rahman, of Granville House, Arbery Road, Bow, were found guilty of providing claimants with false documents in order for them to claim housing benefit, council tax reduction and tax credits from Tower Hamlets and Redbridge councils and the Department of Work and Pensions.

The three were found guilty of various offences under the Social Security Administration Act 1992 at Snaresbrook Crown Court on March 11.

Judge Nigel Peters QC told them to expect "substantial sentences of imprisonment" for the fraud, which involved up to £1.6 million of housing benefit claims.

The racket was discovered after the two councils found a large number of people declaring false employment details.

So far, 44 people have been charged and 29 have pleaded guilty to or been convicted of

offences under the Social Security Administration Act 1992. Further court appearances are scheduled in the next few months.

Khanam was bailed to appear at Snaresbrook Crown Court for sentence on April 8, with her two co-defendants remanded into custody ahead of sentence on the same date.

Anyone wanting to report a suspected benefit fraud can contact the council by telephone or email. All information will be in the strictest confidence.

Call 7364 7427 or email benefits@towerhamlets.gov.uk

Festival to showcase new drama

SUBMISSIONS are sought from artists and playwrights for A Season of Bangla Drama, which takes place in November.

Organised by the council, the

festival provides a major platform for writers to showcase their talent, celebrating novel perspectives of contemporary British Bengali life.

Download an expression of

interest form at www.towerhamlets.gov.uk/arts or email festivalsandevents@towerhamlets.gov.uk

The deadline for submission is Wednesday, May 25.

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Local heroes in the community

While the police and THEOs do a great job helping prevent crime and ASB, the community safety awards recognise the contributions of people who help make their community safer.

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Useful information

Empowering young people

News from the council's community safety team

THE council has recently announced a new Partnership Task Force (PTF) agreement with the Metropolitan Police.

This means the council now funds a team of one police sergeant and five police officers to work in the borough.

They will help prevent crime and anti-social behaviour (ASB) across Tower Hamlets.

Being based with us, it means that we can ensure these police officers focus on the most important issues to the local community.

Our enforcement officers (THEOs) will work closely with the PTF officers so they can help combat serious crime.

As part of the arrangement, the Met Police has also agreed to grant additional powers to our THEOs.

This means our enforcement officers will be able to stop even more criminal activity across the borough without the need for police support.

While the police and THEOs do a great job in helping prevent crime and ASB, members of the public should also be recognised.

That's why we're hosting the community safety awards ceremony on March 22 at Regents Lake banqueting venue.

The awards were created by the Tower Hamlets Safer Neighbourhood Board and Community Safety Partnership to recognise important contributions in helping prevent crime and ASB.

We've received a huge number of nominations for people who helped make their community safer during 2015.

The awards aim to recognise the important contribution of local people and highlight their achievements.

Members of the public will

also be given the opportunity to tell us about their crime concerns during the ceremony.

We will ask the public what their community safety concerns are, and how everyone can work together to address them.

Any responses will help shape our community safety partnership plan which will be implemented over the next few years.

Young people in the borough still have time to enter our competition by telling us what they think makes for a healthy relationship.

Those up to the age of 24 have a chance to win up to £100 in vouchers by submitting a poster, video, presentation or a piece of writing.

The winning poster will be displayed at bus stops across the borough to raise awareness of domestic abuse issues faced by some young people.

The competition closes on Sunday, March 29 and is being run by the council's domestic violence and hate crime team, funded by Public Health.

Violence against women and girls (VAWG) is experienced by some young people so we want them to take the lead in raising awareness and offering help and support to others.

Work with young people in the borough is vital to prevent abuse for future generations, as Tower Hamlets has one of the youngest populations of any area in London – 20 per cent of residents are aged up to 16 years old.

We think that empowering young people will make a difference to their lives in future.

The council is also recruiting young VAWG champions to speak of their experiences and develop advice and training for other young people.

To enter the competition, email vawg@towerhamlets.gov.uk

By Andy Bamber, Head of Community Safety

Chemist rota

Pharmacists in Tower Hamlets with extended opening hours.

E1

ABC Drug Stores, 12-14 Montague Street: Mon-Fri 9am-7pm, Sat 9am-5.30pm, Sun 10am-2.30pm.

Beck & Sherman, 197 Whitechapel Road: Mon-Fri 9am-7pm, Sat 9am-5.30pm, bank holidays 11am-1pm.

Sainsbury's, The Albion Brewery: Mon-Fri 8.30am-10pm, Sat 7.30am-10pm, Sun 11am-5pm.

Chapel, 139 Cannon Street: Mon-Fri 9am-8pm, Sat 9am-6pm.

E2

Fairdale, 360 Bethnal Green Road: Mon, Tues, Weds, Fri 9am-6.30pm, Thurs 9am-1pm, Sat 9am-6pm, bank holidays 11am-2pm.

Florida, 307 Bethnal Green Road: Mon-Fri 9am-7pm, Sat 9am-6pm, bank holidays 11am-2pm.

E3

Bell, 534 Roman Road: Mon-Sat 7am-11pm, Sun 10am-2pm.

Forward, 648 Mile End Road:

Mon-Fri 9am-7pm, Sat 9am-6pm, Sun and bank holidays 10am-6pm.

Green Light, St Andrew's Health Centre, 2 Hannafor Walk: 8am-8pm, seven days a week, including bank holidays.

Lincoln, 60 St Paul's Way: Mon, Tues, Weds 8am-8pm, Thurs, Fri, 8am-8pm, Sat 9am-5pm.

Tesco, Hancock Road: Mon 8am-10.30pm, Tues-Fri 6.30am-10.30pm, Sat 6.30am-10pm, Sun 11am-4pm.

E14

Boots, Unit 15, Jubilee Place: Mon-Fri 7am-midnight, Sat

9am-6pm, Sun 12pm-6pm.
Britannia (Perimart), Asda Precinct, East Ferry Road: Mon-Sat 9am-8pm, Sun 11am-4pm, bank holidays 11am-6pm.

Doctors

Please ring your doctor's surgery for an appointment, but if it's the weekend or late at night, call 7377 7151 (only for people in Tower Hamlets who are registered with a doctor). To find a doctor, dentist or help to quit smoking call the health hotline on 7364 5016, Mon-Fri 8am-8pm and Sat 8am-4pm.

Advice

Family Information Service (FIS)

The Family Information Service provides information for people from birth to age 19 including helping parents and carers find high quality childcare, advice on tax credits and childcare vouchers.

Open Mon-Fri, 8am-6pm.
30 Greatorex Street, E1.
fis@towerhamlets.gov.uk
7364 6495

Tower Hamlets Home Birth Support Group

Last Thurs of each month, 8pm.
31 Ridgale Street, E3.
8981 1159

Parents Advice Centre (PAC)

Offers impartial advice around special educational needs (SEN).
30 Greatorex Street, E1. Drop-in sessions every Tues, 9.30am-3.30pm & Fri, 9.30am-3.30pm.
7364 6489

LinkAge Plus

Toynbee Hall is one of five network centres that co-ordinates services and activities provided.
Mon-Fri from 9am-5pm, drop-in session for advice on benefits, pensions, employment and housing. Appointments necessary.
Mon 9am-5pm, Bangladeshi group.
Toynbee Hall, Commercial Street, E1.
7392 2914
www.toynbeehall.org.uk

Welfare advice

All the organisations listed below can help you with welfare benefits, housing and general debt problems.

Account 3

1-9 Birkbeck Street, E2.
7739 7720
www.account3.org.uk

Bangladesh Youth Movement

21-23 Henriques St, E1.
7488 1831/2

Bromley by Bow Centre

St Leonard's Street, E3.
8709 9737 www.bbhc.org.uk

Citizens Advice Bureau (CAB)

32 Greatorex Street, E1.
7247 1050
www.adviceguide.org.uk

Island Advice Centre

Island House, Roserton Street, Isle of Dogs, E14.
7987 9379
www.island-advice.org.uk

Legal Advice Centre

University House, 104 Roman Road, E2.
8980 4205
www.legaladvicecentre.org.uk

Limehouse Project

Cheadle Hall, Cheadle House,

Copenhagen Place, E14.
7538 0075
www.limehouseproject.org.uk

Praxis (New Residents Service)

Pott Street, E2.
7729 7985
www.praxis.org.uk

The Tower Hamlets Community Advice Network

THCAN is a partnership of local advice centres that provide free advice.
www.thcan.org.uk

Tower Hamlets Law Centre

(specialist advice by appointment).
Tower Hamlets Law Centre, Unit 1, St. Anne's Street, off 789-791 Commercial Road, E14.
7538 4909
www.thlc.co.uk

Debt advice

Toynbee Hall Advice Service

28 Commercial Street, E1.
7392 2953
advice@toynbeehall.org.uk
www.toynbeehall.org.uk

Fair Money Advice

530 Commercial Road, E1.
7702 8032
www.fairfinance.org.uk

Island Advice Centre

Island House, Roserton Street Isle of Dogs, E14.
7987 9379
www.island-advice.org.uk

National Debt Line

0808 808 4000
www.nationaldebtline.co.uk



Photo order form

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Jessica gets in the swim for charity

Shadwell resident Jessica Frank, who has the neurological condition Multiple Sclerosis, hopes to raise £1,000 for Sport Relief with sponsored swims. To support her efforts, go to...

[HTTP://MY.SPORTRELIEF.COM/SPONSOR/JESSICAFRANKMONSTERSWIM](http://my.sportrelief.com/sponsor/jessicafrankmonsterswim)

The NHS is on call 24/7

The NHS 111 service is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week and is staffed by trained advisors.

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Children, parents and carers enjoyed an event to promote education and learning on March 17 at Wapping Children's Centre. The day was attended by around 150 parents and under-5s from Wapping, Ocean and John Smith Children's Centres, who took part in fun and educational activities. Parents were also able to find out about learning opportunities from adult education and training organisations. In our picture, Isman and her friends discover the joy of bubbles.



Jessica battles the odds in Sports Relief swimathon

AS people throughout the borough joined fundraising events for Sport Relief, Shadwell resident Jessica Frank took on the challenge of a lifetime.

Jessica, who has the neurological condition Multiple Sclerosis (MS), set herself a personal goal of taking part in three big swims to raise money.

The first was a 5km team relay at St George's Pools in Wapping on February 20.

And on Sunday, March 6, she took to the water at St George's at 3am for two hours as part of a 24-hour swimathon in aid of Sports Relief.

She completed the trio on Sunday, March 20, with another 5k swim to beat her personal best.

Recently married, Jessica's husband, parents and friends cheered her on during the feat.

Jessica, 34, told East End Life that being an MS sufferer causes cramps and pain in her legs, making swimming difficult as she is unable to use her legs for the activity.

"Although I swim every day, I take medication which manages the pain. And during the swimathons, I put under-water headphones on," she said.

Money raised for Sport Relief is used to make a difference in the UK and also goes towards transforming lives across the world's poorest communities.

Jessica aims to raise £1,000. To support her effort, go to <http://my.sportrelief.com/sponsor/JessicaFrankMonSterSwims>

Tributes paid to fire tragedy doctor

BY JESSICA ODUBAYO

TRIBUTES have been paid to a Royal London Hospital doctor who has died following a fire in her flat.

Dr Claire Sheppey was appointed as a consultant paediatric anaesthetist in 2004 and played a crucial part in the hospital's response to the July 7 bombings, which happened the next year.

Six fire engines and 35 firefighters tackled the blaze in Crowland Terrace, Islington on Wednesday, March 16.

Dr Sheppey was brought out of her second floor flat and taken to hospital by ambulance, where she died. The cause of the fire is under investigation.

Dr Jane McNeill, clinical director for perioperative medicine & consultant anaesthetists at the London, said: "Dr Claire Sheppey was a valued colleague. She loved her job and was dedicated to providing the best service she could for the children of east London and beyond.

"On her last on call on Monday, she dealt with some extremely unwell children."

As a Royal College of Anaesthetists' tutor, Dr Sheppey also supported and guided trainee anaesthetists through their training.

Dr McNeill continued: "As a department of anaesthesia we are completely devastated by Claire's death, but influence and respect for her goes so much further. We have received messages of condolence from as far away as New Zealand.

"Personally I will miss a great colleague, but also a dear friend, who enriched the lives of so many around her."

A&E is not always best

LOCAL GPs are reminding people where they should go to get the right care over the Easter Holidays – and it's not always at A&E.

Sir Sam Everington, local GP and chair of NHS Tower Hamlets Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG), said there are ways of getting urgent treatment, which can often be quicker.

He said people should only use A&E with serious or life-threatening health problems requiring emergency treatment.

There are pharmacies open on Good Friday and Easter Sunday and Monday.

Other alternatives include walk-in services which are equipped to treat minor injuries, including suspected broken bones, cuts and rashes as well as minor burns, bruises, bites and stings.

Walk-in services are at The Barkantine, 21 Westferry Road, E14, and St Andrews Health Centre, 2 Hannaford Walk, E3. Both are open 8am to 8pm every day, including Bank Holidays.

If you are unwell outside GP opening hours, call the out-of-hours service on 7377 7151.

Do you have an idea for a NEW SOCIAL ENTERPRISE but need funding to set up?

The Beyond Business Programme, Bromley by Bow Centre are offering start up funding for new or emerging Social Enterprises across Tower Hamlets, Hackney and Newham. The Social Enterprise must be located in those Boroughs.

What is the Beyond Business Programme?

Beyond Business has already launched a network of 60 plus successful Social Enterprises in the East End and provides:

- Start up funding,
- Strategic and business planning guidance, and
- Practical business support including training, mentoring and pro-bono legal services.

Is my idea for a Social Enterprise eligible?

To be eligible for a start up grant of up to £17,000 your idea for a Social Enterprise must:

- Have a clear social purpose and outcomes, such as employment for people with barriers to work, youth training, healthy living and local environment improvements.
- Have a sound business proposition and the potential to be financially sustainable without reliance on grant funding.
- Be able to legally set up and start trading by end January 2017.

How will Applicants be assessed?

- **Stage 1:** Applicants submit an expression of interest form for a panel review.
- **Stage 2:** Applicants successful at Stage 1 will be invited for an interview.
- **Stage 3:** Applicants successful at Stage 2 complete a business plan, with support from the Beyond Business team.
- **Stage 4:** Applicants successful at Stage 3 present their business idea and plan to an independent Dragons' Den panel on 17th October 2016 - funding then approved for successful applicants.

Need an expression of interest form?

Please contact: **Kim Hayman, Beyond Business, Bromley by Bow Centre, St Leonard's St, E3 3BT | Telephone: 020 8709 9722 | Email: kimh@bbbc.org.uk**

The closing date for Submission of Expressions of Interest is 31st May 2016.

For full details on eligibility and any other information, please contact Kim Hayman



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DR SOMEN BANERJEE, DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC HEALTH

Lowdown on voting

For more information on how to register to vote call 7364 0872 or email vote@towerhamlets.gov.uk

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SMOKERS were encouraged to take the first step to giving up for good on No Smoking Day on Wednesday, March 9. Nearly one in five adults smoke, but studies show that two-thirds of them want to quit. This year's theme was 'Proud to be a Quitter' and used inspirational stories of ex-smokers to highlight the benefits of giving up. Specialist advisers were at the Royal London and Mile End hospitals (pictured) to help. Dr Somen Banerjee, director of public health, said: "Stopping smoking is one of the biggest things you can do to improve your health, and no matter how many times you have tried before, it is always worth trying to stop again. Visit nosmokingday.org.uk

Stalker rapist is jailed for 5 years

A MAN has been jailed after admitting rape.

Shohid Miah, 34, of Kings Arms Court, Whitechapel, was sentenced to five years and four months imprisonment at Snaresbrook Crown Court on Thursday, March 17.

On April 20, 2015, at 10.30pm, Miah (pictured) was seen following a woman in a vulnerable state in Whitechapel. CCTV monitoring staff saw him leading her into a secluded area on Old Montague Street. At this point, staff called police.

Officers arrived within minutes and arrested Miah.

At a hearing at Snaresbrook Crown Court on March 11, Miah admitted two counts of rape.



DC Denise Rutter, of the Met's sexual offences, exploitation and child abuse command, said: "Miah stalked the victim through the streets of Whitechapel. The victim has been incredibly brave and I hope this conviction provides her with a measure of comfort."

Register for EU and mayor votes

BY SUSAN MULLIGAN

THIS year, voters will elect the next London Mayor and Greater London Assembly. There will also be a referendum on Britain's membership of the European Union.

To have a say in the process, the council is reminding residents to make sure they have registered to vote.

For the London elections, you have to register by Monday, April 18. Since June last year, every resident is responsible for their own registration.

You can do it online at www.gov.uk/register-to-vote

You will need to provide your national insurance number and date of birth. If you've moved house, you will need to register to vote again.

If you're invited to register and don't, your local Electoral Registration Officer could impose a civil penalty fine of £80. You won't be fined if you have a valid reason for not registering, eg a long stay in hospital.

For more information email vote@towerhamlets.gov.uk or call 7364 0872 (8am-5.30pm).

The London mayoral and Greater London Assembly elections will take place on May 5.

If you can't vote in person, you can apply for a postal vote

before April 19. Email vote@towerhamlets.gov.uk or call 7364 0872.

To find out more about the London Mayor and GLA elections visit www.londonelects.org.uk

The referendum on whether Britain should remain in the EU will be held on June 23.

Tower Hamlets elections team are meeting residents to help them register to vote and answer questions about upcoming elections.

They will be at the council's Idea Stores in Bow, Crisp Street, Whitechapel, Canary Wharf and Watney Market on April 5 and 12, from 9.30am-5pm.

Election probe finds insufficient evidence

A MET Police team has finished assessing information published by the High Court last April after an election petition hearing.

And, after consulting with the Crown Prosecution Service, a decision has been made that there is insufficient evidence that criminal of-

fences were committed. In the lead up to, during and after the election on May 22, 2014, the police received 164 complaints of election malpractice in Tower Hamlets. Every allegation was recorded and investigated to understand what, if any, offences had been committed.



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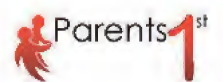
**Tuesday 19th April
OR
Tuesday 17th May**

**Island House Community Centre
Roserton Street
Castalia Square
Isle of Dogs E14 3PG**

For more information or to book a place at your preferred session, contact the team: **07708 585876** or CPEnquiries@island-house.org

Read more about the work we do at www.island-house.org.uk/projects/community-parents

We look forward to hearing from you soon!





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190 Burdett Road, London E3 4HL
T 020 8709 4420

St Georges Pools

221 The Highway, London E1W 3BP
T 020 7709 9714

Tiller Leisure Centre

Tiller Road, Docklands, London E14 8PX
T 020 7987 5211

Whitechapel Sports Centre

55 Durward Street, Whitechapel, London E1 5BA
T 020 7247 7538

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5 Old Ford Road, Bethnal Green, London E2 9PJ
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Over the Bank Holiday period there will be changes to your normal collection arrangements.

Your waste, recycling, food and garden waste collections will be affected.



NORMAL COLLECTION DAY

Friday 25 March (Good Friday)
Monday 28 March (Easter Monday)
Tuesday 29 March
Wednesday 30 March
Thursday 31 March
Friday 1 April

REVISED COLLECTION DAY

Normal collection service
Tuesday 29 March
Wednesday 30 March
Thursday 31 March
Friday 1 April
Saturday 2 April

Please ensure your waste and recycling (including food and garden waste) is available for collection before 7.00am

Normal services resume on Monday 4 April.



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After-school language clubs

The community languages team supports children to learn their mother tongue and celebrate their heritage through more than 40 after-school clubs, catering for some 2,000 children every week.

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Multi-lingual

Languages taught in after-school classes include Arabic, Cantonese, Lithuanian, Spanish and Vietnamese.

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Feature

Audiences were left captivated at a gala evening celebrating different languages and cultures. **Shalina Hussain** reports. Photos by **Isobel Infantes**.

Vibrant diversity of our borough

MORE than 700 guests attended the International Language Day celebrations on Wednesday, March 2.

York Hall came alive with dance and drama, marking the achievements of young people who attend

after-school language classes in Arabic, Bengali, Cantonese, Lithuanian, Mandarin, Somali, Spanish, Urdu and Vietnamese.

Primary school children who learn a modern foreign language (French, Spanish and Arabic) through tutors employed by the council's community languages service were also recognised.

Awards were presented to schools, community groups, students and teaching staff.

The event coincided with International Mother Language Day, UNESCO's global event remembering the language movement martyrs, who sacrificed their lives 60 years ago campaigning for Bengali as one of the state languages of the then East Pakistan, now Bangladesh.

Role plays, cultural dancing, drama and singing were some of the highlights performed by young people on the night.

Guests included head teachers, parents and dignitaries from the Lithuanian and Spanish embassies and academics.

Every year, the community languages team helps children learn their mother tongue and celebrate their heritage through after-school clubs. More than 45 currently take place in the borough, catering for more than 2,000 children every week.

In addition, 30 primary schools benefit from modern foreign language support provided by the service for French, Spanish and Arabic classes as part of the school curriculum.

In the past two years more than 95 per cent of students have achieved A*-C grades with many pupils taking their AS and A levels in languages early.



Pupils from Columbia Primary School perform a song



Students from EC Lighthouse Lithuanian School show off their certificate



Dancers from the Chinese Independent School relax after their performance

Early diagnosis vital
For information about the signs and symptoms of bladder and kidney cancers, visit www.nhs.uk/bloodinpee

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Isn't it time to quit smoking?
Smokers have a much higher risk of bladder and/or kidney cancers. Other things that increase the risk include being overweight and a family history of cancer.

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News in brief
See your GP if blood in your pee



A NEW film highlights the importance of early diagnosis of bladder and kidney cancers.

The film tackles the cultural issues that can delay black and south Asian people from seeing their doctor.

Cancer survivors feature in the Public Health England campaign, alongside consultant urologists from Barts Health NHS Trust, Jhumur Pati and Professor Frank Chingewundoh OBE.

The film encourages those who notice blood in their urine, even if it's just the once, to visit their doctor straight away.

The film can be viewed at <http://bit.ly/1U6Xd4y>

For further information about bladder and kidney cancers, visit www.nhs.uk/bloodinpee

Islam, participation and public life

CITIZENS UK, the national community organising charity, will be gathering at Queen Mary, University of London, Mile End on Monday, March 21, for a public hearing on Islam, participation and public life.

The hearing, from 10am-1pm, seeks to investigate how the Muslim community could better participate in the life of British society.

It is part of a national commission, which is touring the UK, hearing from Muslim communities, business, education and government bodies.

Visit www.citizensuk.org

Sports taster sessions during International Women and Girls' Week

BY NATHAN AKEHURST

MORE than 500 women and girls tried out new sports and activities as part of International Women and Girls' Week.

Sports taster sessions and other fitness activities took place across the borough's sporting venues.

Activities on offer included Hula-Hooping, aerobics, Zumba, core stability, boxfit, badminton,

Women give sport a go



Winning basketball team Eight Gold

basketball and swimming. Participants could also enrol in the Sport Relief Challenge to raise money for a good cause.

Away from the pitches, photo exhibitions, advice stalls, creative workshops and beauty sessions were also on offer.

The events set out to promote women's sport in the borough and support the development of more women's sporting sessions.

It also made people aware of sport and leisure venues and activities on offer and involved building partnerships between sports clubs, community groups and the council.

The week ended with a basketball tournament on Saturday, March 12 at Mile End Park, where five teams battled it out. Winning team Eight Gold clinched a narrow victory of

11-7, ending a week of fitness and fun.

Events were organised by the council's sports development team in partnership with community groups and not-for-profit sport foundation GLL Better.

Rajna Chowdhury, who attended a session at Whitechapel Leisure Centre, said the event was a "magnificent opportunity for women who would not have had the chance to take part in activities".

Another participant who attended York Hall, Rosemarie, added that the week was "overall a very enlightening experience and I would love to attend any future events".



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Borough tops Good Food league

THE winners of this year's Tower Hamlets Food for Health awards were revealed at a ceremony.

The Food for Health scheme has continued to expand and now even more restaurants, cafés, convenience stores and market traders have become part of the drive to provide healthier high streets with more choice for residents.

Tower Hamlets has topped the Good Food for London league table for the first time, sharing the honour with Islington and Greenwich, and leading the way in eight out of the ten criteria.

The borough also won a special award for being consistently in the top five since this report began a few years ago.

The economic impact of

the Buywell Food for Health programme is impressive, with all traders reporting an increase in sales.

In Crisp Street market, annual sales of fruit and vegetables have increased by £875,000. In Watney Street market, they are up by £617,500 – an additional £1,492,500 per annum.

If you would like more information, call 7364 5362.



Tales from the Edge

Stewart Edge was one of three explorers who last year braved -50C temperatures on a 1,800-mile trek to complete Sir Ernest Shackleton's doomed 1915 expedition across Antarctica.

In famous footsteps

Stewart Edge's visit to the South Pole recreated the voyage of Ernest Shackleton exactly 100 years before.

Schools news

PUPILS heard what life is like near the South Pole when explorer Stewart Edge visited Hermitage Primary School. Mr Edge proved to be an instant hit with pupils at the Wapping school. Dorothy and Leannah, from Grylls class, wrote in the school newsletter: "Did you know that less than 300 people have ever been there? During the Antarctica Expedition the coldest day was -47° Centigrade – it's like living in a freezer! "If you ever go to Antarctica you will need special equipment. You will need a solar power pack so you can charge your iPhone."



News in brief

Space age seeds

STUDENTS at Bethnal Green Academy will receive a packet of seeds that have spent several months in space.

The seeds are part of Rocket Science, an educational project run by the Royal Horticultural Society (RHS) and UK Space Agency, to inspire careers in science, technology and maths.

The students will grow 100 seeds alongside normal ones and measure the differences over seven weeks. It will remain a mystery as to which were on the International Space Station until results from all 10,000 participating schools have been collected and analysed by professional biostatisticians.

Follow the project on Twitter @RHSSchools #RocketScience

as part of a project to get young people interested in poetry.

Organised by The Poetry Society and the council's schools library services, junior SLAM-bassadors was held at Sir John Cass Red Coat School in Stepney.

Schools competed for prizes including best use of repetition, won by Mayflower Primary and best team performance, which went to St Paul's Whitechapel CE Primary School.

Bishop exhibition

BISHOP Challoner students gained a glimpse into the art world when they exhibited their work at Four Corners Gallery in Bethnal Green.

The opening night on March 1 was the first time students had exhibited their work outside the school.

Your good health

STAFF and students at Bethnal Green Academy have received a Healthy Schools London Gold Award.

The award recognises changes which have made a lasting impact on the school.

Two projects were developed; the first focused on physical activity and healthy eating to combat obesity.

The second targeted students in Year 8 and explored happy, healthy relationships.

Jennie Montgomerie, deputy principal of the academy, said: "We are delighted.

"Many congratulations to all our students and staff."

Banking on success

BY JESSICA ODUBAYO

THE success of staff at a Canary Wharf investment bank is rubbing off on students at a Bow secondary school.

Employees from JP Morgan have been working with St Paul's Way Trust School to enhance pupils' employability.

Mentoring sessions, employment workshops, summer internships and an enterprise scheme are examples of how the bankers are helping to prepare students for the world of work.

And the partners showcased the outcomes of their collaboration at a celebratory event at the bank's Canary Wharf offices on March 3.

At the event, bank workers and staff from the school spoke about key aspects of the partnership.

Janet Iley, head of enterprise and employability at St Paul's Way, said the partnership had had a real impact.

In one project, the pupils developed micro-enterprises, delivering services and products for other students and the wider community.

Two sixth formers worked with independent designers to



Pupils show off their Ziya London fashion range

create a fashion label called Ziya London. Another designed an eco shoe, which has since been patented and looks destined for the high street.

Parents have also been involved, selling soft toys and cakes at school and at a market in Piccadilly.

The collaboration has also seen JP Morgan staff act as business coaches to year 10 pupils. And for the past two years, the bank has recruited five youngsters on paid, summer internships.

Year 13 pupil Amr Mashal, who created the shoe, said: "The JP Morgan project has really opened my mind to opportunities I never thought I would get involved in."

Ms Iley told East End Life

that the school felt privileged to be in the partnership.

She said: "We are incredibly grateful for the opportunities created and for the employees, who have been generous with their time and expertise."

Sam O'Neill, JP Morgan's head

of risk and lead mentor, said dozens of staff were involved in the partnership.

He highlighted how, on one occasion, 40 students from St Paul's Way visited the bank's offices where they met staff and senior executives who shared their success stories with the young guests.

This summer, another crop of pupils will be selected for internships at the bank.

"When the students come in they are usually timid, but they leave with the confidence to get their voice heard and form opinions," Mr O'Neill said.

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Public Exhibition: Ailsa Wharf Redevelopment

The site at Ailsa Street consists of derelict and part demolished buildings, along with vehicles awaiting scrappage and fly-tipped rubbish. Come and find out more about the proposals for redevelopment:

Wednesday 30th March, 4.00pm - 8.00pm
Teviot centre, Wyvis Street E14 6QD

Thursday 31st March, 3.30pm - 7.30pm
Leaside Business Centre, 45 Gillinder Street E14 6RN

For more information:
P: 0800 458 6376
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Making Headway

Headway East London has launched a service for families of patients with head or brain injuries.

CALL 7749 7790



Grow your own for someone else

Docklands Community Organisation's greenhouse project sets out to encourage people to use their back gardens to grow plants which can be distributed to Island residents for free.

CALL 7364 6696

News in brief

Speak up on child abuse and neglect

THE council has joined 33 local authorities and the Department for Education in a new campaign encouraging people to report child abuse and neglect.

The initiative highlights the role that the public has to play in ending child abuse.

Currently, a third of people who suspect child abuse do nothing. Many do not act on their suspicions because they're worried about being mistaken – however anyone who feels something isn't right should report it.

Successful interventions are often based on a number of sources including the public taking action themselves.

In 2014/15, more than 400,000 children in England were helped because someone noticed their suffering.

If you're worried about a child in Tower Hamlets, call 7364 5006, or visit gov.uk/reportchildabuse to get a number for another local authority.

Ambulance back on air

LONDON'S Air Ambulance and the Royal London Hospital have returned to TV screens for the third series of the documentary Trauma Doctors.

The programme, on Channel 5 at 9pm on Thursdays, provides an insight into the work of trauma doctors and paramedics treating critically injured or complex patients.

Filming for the series took place with emergency care teams from Barts Health NHS Trust and the London Ambulance Service in April and May



A TEAM at The Royal London Hospital has been awarded £1,000 in recognition of a project that enables patients to be treated with intravenous antibiotics at home or as an outpatient. Since 2012 the scheme has prevented admission or reduced the length of hospital stay for more than 450 people and freed up over 1,200 hospital bed days. The project also provides a safe and effective service for travel-related infections such as suspected malaria which has avoided admissions, while ensuring a safe discharge from A&E and appropriate specialist follow up. Sixteen teams and 14 individuals received awards at the annual Barts Health Heroes ceremony on February 24. Each individual winner received £500 and teams received £1,000.

last year, during helicopter shifts by day and rapid response cars by night.

Follow the conversation during each episode on Twitter **#TraumaDoctors**, with **@LDNairamb** and **@NHSBartsHealth**

Volunteers required

DOCKLANDS Community Organisation (DCO) is appealing for volunteers to

help at its Island horticulture project at 111-113 Mellish Street, E14.

The site was home to a derelict Portakabin but, since 2013, DCO members and residents have been regenerating it. For more, follow **@DCO_IHP** on Twitter.

The group is keen to encourage participation from all the community, primarily at weekend workshops.

Anyone who has any unused or

spare gardening tools can donate them by calling 7719 9658 or emailing **dockorg@gmail.com**

The group was established to advance the educational, social welfare, cultural, spiritual, recreational and environmental interests of the local community.

To find out more about cleaner, greener volunteering call 7364 6696 or email **cgv@towerhamlets.gov.uk**

Go-karting for girls

TEAMS of up to eight girls and young women are being invited to sign up to a go-karting grand prix at Mudchute Farm on Friday, April 8.

Each team will be given a pile of wood, wheels and some metal bits along with a few tools – and four hours – to build a go-kart from scratch. Then, they will race.

London Play, a charity that strives to get more children playing outside more often, has organised the event with support from Susie Wolff, a top female former racing driver who will hand out prizes.

Entry is free. Go to www.londonplay.org.uk for details.

Help with head injuries

HEADWAY East London has launched a service at the Royal London Hospital in Whitechapel to support families of patients with head or brain injuries.

Staff will hold weekly drop-in sessions, providing advice and information to families with loved ones in the early stages of recovery.

The charity's casework team will lead the project, offering assistance on navigating the health and social care system, and benefits.

The team aims to improve patients' stability and wellbeing and help avoid the psychological, financial and personal crises that may affect those adjusting to life with a brain injury.

You can drop in at the hospital every Thursday from 2-4pm.

For details call 7749 7790 or email info@headwayeastlondon.org

Drivers look out for riders

Riders look out for drivers





Making peace with The Creator

Still nervous on challenging God's handiwork, on his death in 1729 Thomas Fairchild was buried in the Poor's Ground of St Leonard's Church, in accordance with his wishes.

Got a story to tell?

If you have a tale about East End history, write to John Rennie or email him at johnrennie@gmail.com

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History

The gardener who challenged God

BY JOHN RENNIE

ONE dark night in 1716, a man named Thomas Fairchild made his way to his Shoreditch garden. The experiment he was about to conduct seems innocent enough to modern eyes. But in the God-fearing England of the early 18th century his actions were shocking, challenging the very power of the Lord as creator.

Gardeners are generally humble and gentle folk. Any of us who toil to raise a yearly crop of French beans, or coax our roses into flower, know that nature will not be rushed and has a way of refusing to deliver results... no matter how right we get our preparations. And as winter thaws and Easter heralds another spring, it's time to look back to an East Ender without whom our parks and gardens would look very different.

Thomas Fairchild had been born in Shoreditch in 1667, the child of John Fairchild and Ann Butt and as a young man entered a suitable trade, apprenticed in 1682 to the perfectly named Jeremiah Seamer, a clothmaker in the City. But even as a boy, Thomas had preferred the open air to the workshop, the fields and market gardens that in those years lay on the boundaries of Shoreditch, and found a job in a Hoxton nursery.

London then was a strange mix of the urban and rural (a tradition passed down to us in the gardens that Londoners carve from every available free space today). So Hoxton and Soho both boasted impressive grapevines, yielding delicious fruit, and Thomas's Hoxton nursery grew bananas (impossibly exotic to 17th century London eyes). But London was also a dark, and smoky place — with every home and factory burning wood and poor quality coal, Fairchild wrote of his battles to keep the soot off his fruit.

By now he was no mere employer, but owned the nursery. Unmarried and apparently childless (on death he would leave his estate to a nephew) the plants became his family... but he had a canny eye for business too. The gardening craze had hit Londoners hard, and there was constant competition to outdo one's neighbours with a new, unseen bloom.

Many plants came back on ships returning from India, China and the New World. The first fuchsia to reach England would famously be sold in a Wapping tavern by seaman John Westcombe, late returned from a voyage to Japan and China.



Thomas Fairchild with 'Fairchild's Mule', right

The hybrid was named 'Fairchild's Mule' and, like that hybrid beast, it proved to be sterile.

But the pickings were slim and the competition fierce — what if Thomas could create his own new cultivars? Hybrids, where the pollen from one species cross-fertilises with another, had occasionally happened in nature (and it's at the roots of the fears around GM crops today) but nobody had set out to do it deliberately and succeeded.

In his East End potting shed, Fairchild did just that, placing the pollen of a Sweet William (*dianthus barbatus*) on the style of a carnation (*dianthus caryophyllus*). The following year, a hybrid carnation came into bloom, resembling neither of its parents, thus proving the sexual reproduction of plants.

Society was cautiously impressed. The gardener was by now a celebrated and Establishment figure, a freeman of the



City and a member of the Worshipful Society of Gardeners, corresponding with the great Carl Linnaeus, who formalised the modern system of the naming of plants. Fairchild thus presented his finding to the Royal Society.

The hybrid was rather disparagingly named 'Fairchild's Mule' and, like that hybrid beast, it proved to be sterile. Ironically, further propagation of the new plant (*dianthus caryophyllus barbatus*) had to be achieved by the old-fashioned method of taking cuttings rather than using pollen. New cultivars were achieved through grafting two plants together meanwhile (a method we use today for fruit trees inter alia).

Although Thomas wrote up his findings in the magnificently titled *The City Gar-*

dener. Containing the most experienced Method of Cultivating and Ordering such Ever-greens, Fruit-Trees, flowering Shrubs, Flowers, Exotic Plants, &c. as will be Ornamental and thrive best in the London Gardens, it would be the 1800s before gardeners felt confident enough to begin following Fairchild's lead.

And Thomas was still rather nervous about stealing God's thunder. He was a humble man and, when he died in 1729, he was buried (as he requested) in the Poor's Ground of St Leonard's Church. And as an insurance policy he left £25 to the church for an annual Whitsun sermon on the wonders of Creation (and God's role in the whole affair). This 'vegetable sermon' continued at St Leonard's until 1981, then moving to St Giles, Cripplegate.

Today, the legacy of Thomas Fairchild is still there then, but easily missed. What was once the churchyard of St Leonard's on Hackney Road was later developed as almshouses, the open space coming down to us now as the Hackney Road Recreation Ground, a rather sad space near the junction with Columbia Road (of whose market Thomas would surely approve).

Shaded by the ubiquitous London plane trees and flanked by flower beds gamely main-

tained by the

Friends of Hackney

Road Recreation Ground

(it looks like a space that

needs all the friends it can get),

the tombstone is still there too, if

rather hard to read. The park, meanwhile,

is overlooked by a modern building called

'Fairmule House', a clumsy hybrid of a name if

ever one was created.

The legacy of the man who redirected nature is

born again every spring though. Londoners love their parks, backyards and balcony gardens... seemingly dedicating every inch of free space to the nurturing of flowers, fruit and vegetables. Without Thomas Fairchild, most of those hybrids and cultivars would never have been born. And our arguments about playing God with the natural world — whether it be GM crops or cloned animals — live on too.



Isku soo dhawaashada

War iyo wacaal waxaad haysaan u soo dir boga isku soo dhaweynta bulshada ee East End Life.

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A century of Somali life in the East End

BULSHADA Soomaalida ah ee wadanka ingiriisku waa mid ka mid ah bulshooyinka ugu badan ama ugu soo horeeyey qaarada Yurub, waxana dadka Soomalida ah lagu qiyaasay inay kor u dhaafayaan 100,000 qof.

Tiro aad u badan oo Soomaali ahi waxay markii ugu horeysey wadanka igriiska yimaadeen dhamaadkii qarnigii 19, aad, dadkani waxay ku yimaadeen hab badmaaxnimo ah, waxayna deegaan ku noqdeen meelaha dekadaha ah.

Qaybtii labaad ee soo Soomaalida ahyd, waxay wadanka ingiriiska soo gaadheen dagaalkii labaad ee dunida, waxayna soo raaceen ciidamada bada ingiriiska, oo in badani shaqo ka heleen.

Qaybtii sadexaad ee Soomaalida ahayd waxay soo haajireen 1988kii, waxayna badankoodii qaxooti ku noqdeen carriga

Ingiriiska. Way adagtahay in la helo tirada saxda ah ee bulshada Soomaalida, sababtuna waxa weeye iyadoo ay adag tahay in la helo tirokoob sax ah, Arjiga tirokoobka ee Censuskana kuma xusna in qofku Soomali Yahay iyo inkale.

Macluumaad laga soo ururiyey meelo kala duwan waxa lagu qiyaasay in tirada dadka Soomaalida ah ee ku nool Tower Hamlets ay u dhaxayso 0.7%-5%, laakiin waxa la filayaa in tirada runta ahi tahay 2%-3%.

Waxa la qiyaasay in tiro ka badan 10,000 Soomaali ahi ku nool yihiin Tower Hamlets, waana bulshada labaad ee deggan Tower Hamlets, marka la eego jinsiyadaha laga tirada badan yahay.

Bulshada Soomaalidu waxay leedahay dhaqan adag oo ay ku adag yihiin.

Bulshada dhexdeeda waxa ku badan diiqada iyo xanu-

nada xaga maskaxda, dhacdooyinkan waxa inta badan keena qofka oo ay dhici karto inaanu fahmin sida loo geli karo daryeelka caafimaad ee xanuunka ku haboon, iyo adeegyada turjumida oo ay adag tahay in la helo.

Waxa kale oo cadaadiska bulshada haleela ka qayb qaata, iyadoo ay dhici karto inaanu qofku sheegin ama caawimo dalban markay la kulmaan dhacdooyinka ay ka midka yihiin aflagaadada, hatigaada, iyo gooni u takoornaanta.

Waxa kale oo bulshada si xoogan u saameeyey jahwareerkii bulshadu kala kulantay dagaaladii sokeeye ee sanadaha badan qaatay, noloshee xeryihii qaxootiga. Dhamaan waxyaabahan kor ku xusani waxay nolosha qofka ku hogaamin karaan caafimaad darro qarsoon, oo aanay aqoonsan ama wax ka qabanin hayadaha daryeelka caafimaadku.

Bulshada Soomalida iyo xusuusta lunt

Help is at hand for dementia sufferers

TIRO ay dhawaan soo saareen xirfadlayaasha caafimaadka ee degmada ayaa wuxu muujinayey inay Tower Hamlets ku nool yihiin 641 rag iyo dumar ah oo da,doodu ka weyn tahay 65 jir, waxana suurtagal ah inay jiraan in badan oo kale oo aan diwaan gashanayni.

Tirakoobka qaranku wuxu muujinayaa in dadka da,doodu ka weyn tahay 65 saddexdii qofba hal qof uu haleelay xanuunka xusuusta lumiya, dhacdadani waxay muujinaysaa in dadka ku dhow 213 Soomaali ah uu saameeyey xanuunkani.

Waxa muhiim ah in maskaxda lagu hayo in xanuunka xusuusta lumiya, aanu saameeyn ku yeelan qof gaar ah oo keliya, wuxuse saameyn ku yeelanayaa daryelayaashooda iyo xubnaha qoyskiisaba.

Arintan macnaheedu waxa weeye in ugu yaraan dadka u baahan warbixin iyo taageero ay yihiin labanlaab lambarkan kor ku xusan, hadii aanay ka badnaynba.

Wagtigan xaadirka ah uma muuqato wacyigelin heerkeedu sareeyo oo ay samaynayaan adeegyada waxkaqabashada dhacdadan ku haboon.

Dadka xanuunkani saameeyey

aad buu u badan yahay marka la eego saamiga dadweynaha uu saameeyey, hadii aanay adeegyada xanuunkan ku shaqo lihi ka caawin dadka wacyigelinta ka hortaga xanuunkan, waxa dhici karta in xanuunka ilowshiinyuhu bulshada waxyeelo halis ah gaadhsiyo.

Bulshada Soomaaliyeed waa bulshada labaad ee ugu badan Tower Hamlets marka la eego Jinsiyadaha Madowga iyo eeshiyaanka ee degmada degan.

Aad ayay muhiim u tahay in la sameeyo wax kasta oo suurtagal ah sidii dadka looga wacyigelin lahaa xanuunka ilowshiinyaha, arintani.

বারার ফস্টার কেয়ারারদের মধ্যে এওয়ার্ড বিতরণ

Tower Hamlets celebrates foster carers

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ফস্টার কেয়ারার বা বাচ্চাদের লালন পালনকারী পেশাজীবীদের কাজ ও অবদানের স্বীকৃতি দিতে এবং বিভিন্ন ক্ষেত্রে তাদের সাফল্যকে উদযাপন করতে প্রতি বছর এই এওয়ার্ড বিতরণী অনুষ্ঠানের আয়োজন করা হয়। এ বছরের অনুষ্ঠানে বৈচিত্রময়তাকেই প্রাধান্য দেয়া হয়েছে। পৃথিবীর ৩০টি দেশের সাথে লিঙ্ক বা সম্পর্ক রয়েছে টাওয়ার হ্যামলেটসের ফস্টার কেয়ারার ও স্টাফদের, যারা নিজেদের মধ্যে ২০টিরও বেশি ভাষায় কথা বলে থাকেন।

দীর্ঘ দিন ধরে এই সার্ভিস প্রদানের সাথে সম্পৃক্ত আছেন, এমন ৫ জন ফস্টার কেয়ারারকে দেয়া হয় লং সার্ভিস এওয়ার্ড। এছাড়া যারা সাফল্যের সাথে স্পেশালিস্ট ট্রেনিং নিয়েছেন, তাদেরকেও প্রদান করা হয় বিশেষ সনদ। এরপর অন্যদেরকে দেয়া হয় স্বীকৃতি সনদ।

‘শিশুদের জীবনে ইতিবাচক পরিবর্তন আনতে অনবদ্য অবদান রাখার’ স্বীকৃতি স্বরূপ ৫ জনকে দেয়া হয় বিশেষ সম্মাননা স্মারক। এই ক্যাটাগরিতে এওয়ার্ড লাভকারী মোহাম্মদ কামালী এবং সাইয়েদা বেগম ‘বিশেষ মানসিক স্বাস্থ্য সংক্রান্ত প্রয়োজনীয়তা রয়েছে এমন একটি বাচ্চাকে নিবেদিতভাবে লালন পালন করার’ এবং ‘ভিন্ন ধর্মীয় বিশ্বাসের আরেকটি বাচ্চার স্বাভাবিক বজায় রেখে তার সাথে নিয়মিত চার্চে বসে তাকে সহায়তা করার’ জন্য এই সম্মাননা স্মারক লাভ করেন।

রিটাভজ আবেদিন ও আনু মিয়াকে ‘তাদের পরিচর্যাধীন থাকার বাচ্চাদের নিরাপদে স্কুলে আনা নেয়ার ক্ষেত্রে প্রতিদিন নিজেদের গাড়িতে করে ২০ মাইল পথ পরিভ্রমণ করা এবং অন্য ধর্মের অনুসারি হওয়া সত্ত্বেও বাচ্চাদেরকে অসাধারণ ক্রিসমাস অভিজ্ঞতা লাভের সুযোগ করে দেয়ায়’ এই এওয়ার্ড প্রদান করা হয়।

এছাড়া মারিয়া ও পল জিন, এন্টোনি উদ্দিন ও মমতাজ বেগম এবং হিন্দু ও চামা মাটাতা এই এওয়ার্ড লাভ করেন।

বার্ষিক এওয়ার্ড বিতরণী অনুষ্ঠানের রাতের বিশেষ এওয়ার্ডটি লাভ করেন আফিয়া চৌধুরী,



Afia Choudhury received her special award from corporate director for children's services, Debbie Jones

যিনি অন্যান্য কেয়ারারদের সাহায্য সহযোগিতা করার লক্ষ্যে একটি সাপোর্ট গ্রুপ পরিচালনা ও ট্রেনিং সেশন আয়োজনে প্রচণ্ড পরিশ্রম করে যাচ্ছেন। অন্যান্যদের ফস্টার কেয়ারার হিসেবে এগিয়ে আসতে উদ্বুদ্ধ করতে এবং মূল্যায়ন প্রক্রিয়ায় অংশ নিয়ে অগ্রহীদের আবেদনকারীদের প্রয়োজনীয় সহযোগিতা দিয়ে যাচ্ছেন।

অনুষ্ঠানে অন্যান্যের মধ্যে বক্তব্য রাখেন, টাওয়ার হ্যামলেটসের কর্পোরেট ডিরেক্টর ফর চিলড্রেন সার্ভিসেস, ডেবি জোনস। এওয়ার্ড বিতরণের পর অনুষ্ঠিত হয় র‍্যাফল ড্র, প্রি কোর্স ডিনার এবং ডিসকো।

স্পেশাল এওয়ার্ড বিজয়ী, আফিয়া চৌধুরী বলেন, আমার যে কাজ করি, তা হলো বাচ্চাদের

প্রতিপালন করার বিষয়টিকে জনপ্রিয় করা, ফস্টারিং সম্পর্কে যারা জানতে আগ্রহী তাদের সাহায্য করা এবং কতটা চমৎকার ও প্রণোদনাময়োগ্য এই কাজ, তা তুলে ধরা।

তিনি বলেন, এই এওয়ার্ড পেয়ে আমি অভিভূত ও বাকবদ্ধ হয়েছি, যা আমি কখনোই পেতে পারি বলে প্রত্যাশা করিনি। আমার কাজের এমন স্বীকৃতি পেয়ে খুবই ভালো লাগছে। পুরো আয়োজনটি হয়েছে চমৎকার, এজন্য চিলড্রেন সার্ভিসকে ধন্যবাদ জানাচ্ছি।

টাওয়ার হ্যামলেটসে ফস্টারিং সম্পর্কে বিস্তারিত তথ্য জানতে হলে ০৮০০ ২৭৯ ৯৮৫০ নাম্বারে যোগাযোগ করতে অনুরোধ করা হয়েছে।

সড়ক নিরাপত্তা বিষয়ে শিক্ষা দিতে প্রাইমারী স্কুলগুলোতে ম্যাজিক শো

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বারার স্কুল শিক্ষার্থীদের সড়ক নিরাপত্তা সম্পর্কে শিক্ষা দিতে নতুন একটি ম্যাজিক শো বারার প্রাথমিক স্কুলগুলো পরিদর্শন করছে।

স্কুল ম্যাজিক রোড শো ম্যাজিকের কৌশলের মাধ্যমে সড়ক নিরাপত্তার বার্তাগুলো প্রাইমারী স্কুলের ক্ষুদ্রে শিক্ষার্থীদের কাছে পৌঁছে দিতে কাউন্সিলকে সাহায্য করছে। ম্যাজিক দেখার আনন্দ উপভোগ করার পাশাপাশি বাচ্চারা যাতে রাস্তায় নিরাপদ থাকার দিকগুলো শিখতে পারে, সেজন্য কাউন্সিলের রোড সেফটি টিম এই শো এর আয়োজন করেছে।

ম্যাজিশিয়ান পিটার তার যাদুর কৌশলের মাধ্যমে রাস্তা পারাপারে সুবঙ্গ ক্রস কোড, পারাপারকালে নিরাপদ স্থান বেছে নেয়া, টেকসই যোগাযোগ ইত্যাদি নানা বিষয় বাচ্চাদের সামনে তুলে ধরেন।

সম্প্রতি পপলারের সেন্ট স্যাভিয়ারস প্রাইমারী স্কুলে এই ম্যাজিক শো অনুষ্ঠিত হয়। স্কুলে শিক্ষার্থী, শিক্ষক ও স্টাফরা পুরো শোটি উপভোগ করেন।

বাচ্চারা যাদু শিল্পীর কাছ থেকে শেখা বিভিন্ন কৌশল নিজেরা করার জন্য ব্যস্ত হয়ে উঠে।

কাউন্সিলের পার্কিং, মোবিলিটি এন্ড ট্রান্সপোর্ট সার্ভিসের উদ্যোগে এই স্কুল ম্যাজিক শো বারার প্রাইমারী স্কুলগুলোতে অনুষ্ঠিত হচ্ছে।

উল্লেখ্য, টাওয়ার হ্যামলেটসে বিপুল জনসংখ্যা ও যানবাহনের বাড়তি চাপ থাকায় রোড সেফটি বা সড়ক নিরাপত্তার বিষয়টি খুবই গুরুত্বপূর্ণ। এই ধরনের প্রজেক্ট পরিচালনার মাধ্যমে বারার কম বয়সীদের রাস্তায় চলাচলের ক্ষেত্রে বিপদজনক হতে পারে এমন বিষয়গুলো সম্পর্কে সচেতন করার পাশাপাশি সড়ক নিরাপত্তা বিষয়ে তাদের প্রশিক্ষিত করে তোলা সম্ভব হবে।



হাউজিং এ্যামনেস্টিতে সাবলেট দেয়া ৮টি ঘর উদ্ধার

যুক্তরাজ্যের মধ্যে সবচেয়ে সাফল্যের সাথে হাউজিং এ্যামনেস্টি বা বাড়ি ঘর সংক্রান্ত সাধারণ ক্ষমা ঘোষনার কর্মসূচি সম্পন্ন করেছে টাওয়ার হ্যামলেটস্ কাউন্সিল। এর ফলে আবাসন খাতে প্রতি বছর সাশ্রয় হবে হাজার হাজার পাউন্ড এবং উল্লেখযোগ্য সংখ্যক ঘর উদ্ধার করা সম্ভব হয়েছে। বিস্তারিত পড়ুন নিচে –

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পোটা যুক্তরাজ্যের মধ্যে সবচেয়ে সাফল্যের সাথে হাউজিং এ্যামনেস্টি বা বাড়ি ঘর সংক্রান্ত সাধারণ ক্ষমা ঘোষনার কর্মসূচি সম্পন্ন করেছে টাওয়ার হ্যামলেটস্ কাউন্সিল। এর ফলে আবাসন খাতে প্রতি বছর সাশ্রয় হবে হাজার হাজার পাউন্ড এবং উল্লেখযোগ্য সংখ্যক ঘর উদ্ধার করা সম্ভব হয়েছে, যা সবচেয়ে দরকার যাদের, তাদের মধ্যে বরাদ্দ করা হবে।

টেনেসি বা ভাড়াটেস্বত্ত্ব সংক্রান্ত জালিয়াতির বিরুদ্ধে কাউন্সিলের 'জিরো টলারেন্স' বা বরদাশত না করার চলমান নীতি এবং অবৈধভাবে সাবলেটিং বা ভাড়া দেয়ার কারণে যে সামাজিক ও আর্থিক ক্ষতি হয়, সেসম্পর্কে সচেতনতা সৃষ্টির লক্ষ্যে এই হাউজিং এ্যামনেস্টি ঘোষনা করা হয়েছিলো।

এই সাধারণ ক্ষমার মেয়াদকালে অবৈধভাবে সাবলেটিং দেয়া ৮টি ঘর উদ্ধার করা হয়। এছাড়া সাবলেট দেয়া হচ্ছে এমন অনেক



প্রোপার্টি বা ঘর সম্পর্কে কাউন্সিল সুনির্দিষ্ট তথ্য লাভ করে। এ্যামনেস্টি চলাকালে অনেকগুলো বেনিফিট ও কাউন্সিল টেক্স ফ্রডের ঘটনাও বের হয়ে আসে, যা নিয়ে কাউন্সিল এবং ডিপার্টমেন্ট

ফর ওয়ার্ক এন্ড পেনশনস্ (ডিড্রিউপি) এখন যৌথভাবে তদন্ত করছে।

মেয়র, জন বিগস বলেন, যেখানে কাউন্সিলের বাড়ি ঘরের ক্ষেত্রে বিপুল ঘাটতি রয়েছে,

সেখানে সোশ্যাল হাউজিং নিয়ে প্রতারণা করে কতিপয় লোকের অর্থ কামানো মোটেই গ্রহণযোগ্য নয়। বারায় অবৈধ সাবলেট প্রদানকারীদের চিহ্নিত করতে যারা আমাদের সাহায্য করেছেন, আমি তাদের সকলের কাছে খুবই কৃতজ্ঞ। বারায় যে পরিবারগুলোর সত্যিকার অর্থেই ঘরের দরকার, তাদেরকে আবাসনের ব্যবস্থা করা এবং ঘর বাড়ি নিয়ে সব ধরনের প্রতারণামূলক কর্মকাণ্ডের মূলোৎপাটনে আমরা বদ্ধপরিকর।

ডেপুটি মেয়র অব টাওয়ার হ্যামলেটস্, কাউন্সিলের সিরাজুল ইসলাম বলেন, সোশ্যাল হাউজিংয়ের জন্য হাজার হাজার মানুষ অপেক্ষা করছেন। যাদের সবচেয়ে বেশি দরকার, তাদের জন্য ঘরের ব্যবস্থা করতে আমরা আমাদের ক্ষমতার সবটুকু ব্যবহার করবো।

বেআইনীভাবে কাউন্সিলের ঘর বাড়ি ভাড়া দিয়ে সর্বোচ্চ ৫ হাজার পাউন্ড জরিমানা অথবা সর্বোচ্চ ২ বছর জেল দণ্ড হতে পারে।

আন্তর্জাতিক নারী সপ্তাহ উপলক্ষে বিশেষ ক্রীড়ানুষ্ঠান আয়োজন

More than 500 women and girls try new sports

আন্তর্জাতিক নারী ও বালিকা সপ্তাহ উপলক্ষে টাওয়ার হ্যামলেটসের উদ্যোগে আয়োজিত ক্রীড়া উৎসবে অংশ নিয়ে ৫ শতাধিক নারী ও বালিকা।

তারাত স্পোর্টস্ টেস্টার সেশনে অংশ নিয়ে নতুন নতুন খেলায় অংশগ্রহণের আনন্দ উপভোগ করেন এবং অন্যান্য কর্মসূচিতেও সক্রিয়ভাবে অংশ নেন।

সপ্তাহব্যাপি এই ক্রীড়ানুষ্ঠান ও ফিটনেস এন্টিভিটিজ বারার বিভিন্ন স্পোর্টস্ ভেনুতে অনুষ্ঠিত হয়।

খেলাধুলা ও শরীরচর্চার নানান কর্মসূচির মধ্যে ছিলো, ছলা ছপিং, এ্যারোবিক্স, জুজু, কোর স্ট্যাবিলিটি, বক্সফিট, ব্যাডমিন্টন, বাল্কেট-বল এবং সুইমিং। এছাড়াও অংশগ্রহণকারীরা চ্যারিটির জন্য তহবিল সংগ্রহের লক্ষ্যে স্পোর্টস্ রিলিফ চ্যালেঞ্জও নিজেদের নাম নিবন্ধন করেন। খেলার মাঠের বাইরে ছিলো আলোকচিত্র প্রদর্শনী, তথ্যাদির স্টলসমূহ, ক্রিয়েটিভ ওয়াকশপ, সাজ সজ্জার বিউটি সেশন ইত্যাদি।

এই আন্তর্জাতিক নারী ও বালিকা সপ্তাহ পালনের মূল লক্ষ্য হচ্ছে বারার মহিলাদেরকে খেলাধুলায় অংশ নিতে উদ্বুদ্ধ করা এবং মহিলাদের জন্য খেলাধুলার সুযোগ বাড়ানোর উদ্যোগকে সহায়তা দেয়া। এছাড়া বারার স্পোর্টস্ ও লেজার ভেন্যুগুলো সম্পর্কে, সেখানে কী ধরনের কার্যক্রম পরিচালিত হচ্ছে, সে ব্যাপারে জনসাধারণকে সচেতন করে তোলা এবং কাউন্সিল, স্পোর্টস্ ক্লাব ও কমিউনিটি গ্রুপগুলোর মাঝে শক্তিশালী পার্টনারশীপ গড়ে তোলা হয় সপ্তাহব্যাপি নানা কার্যক্রমের মধ্য দিয়ে।

নারী সপ্তাহের সমাপনী উপলক্ষে ১২ মার্চ শনিবার মাইল এন্ড পার্কে অনুষ্ঠিত হয় বাল্কেটবল টুর্নামেন্ট, যেখানে ৫টি দল শিরোপার জন্য লড়াই করে। বিজয়ী দলটি ১১-৭ সেটে চ্যাম্পিয়ন হয়।

বিভিন্ন কমিউনিটি গ্রুপ এবং অমুনাফাভোগী

ক্রীড়া ফাউন্ডেশন জিএলএল বেটার এর সাথে পার্টনারশীপের ভিত্তিতে নারী সপ্তাহের সকল ক্রীড়ানুষ্ঠানের আয়োজন করে টাওয়ার হ্যামলেটস্ কাউন্সিলের স্পোর্টস্ ডেভেলপমেন্ট টিম।

হোয়াইটচ্যাপল লেজার সেন্টারে অনুষ্ঠিত সেশনে অংশ গ্রহণকারীদের একজন রাজনা চৌধুরী বলেন, এ ধরনের ক্রীড়ানুষ্ঠানে অংশ নেয়ার কোন সুযোগ যে মহিলারা কখনো পাননি, তাদের জন্য এই আয়োজন ছিলো এক কথায় অনবদ্য ও অনন্য এক সুযোগ।

ইয়র্ক হলের সেশনে অংশ গ্রহণকারী রাজমেরী নামের আরেকজন এর ভাষায়, “এতে অংশ নেয়ার সামগ্রিক অভিজ্ঞতা নিঃসন্দেহে অনেক সুফলদায়ক ও উজ্জ্বল”।

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বিশেষ নাটক ‘র্যাপচার’ এর প্রদর্শনী ব্রাডি সেন্টারে ৩১ মার্চ থেকে ২ এপ্রিল Rapture theatre show – see page 25

কাউন্সিলের ইয়ুথ প্রাটফরম ‘এ’ টিম আর্টস এর প্রযোজনায় “র্যাপচারঃ এ মডার্ন ডে” নাটকটির টানা তিন দিন মঞ্চায়ন হবে হোয়াইটচ্যাপলের ব্রাডি আর্টস সেন্টারে আগামী ৩১ মার্চ থেকে ২ এপ্রিল। এরপর এটি এডিনবরার বিখ্যাত ফ্রিঞ্জ ফেস্টিভালে চলে যাবে। তাই, এডিনবরায় যাওয়ার আগে বারার তরুণ নাট্য প্রতিভাদের অসাধারণ এই প্রযোজনাটি উপভোগ করার জন্য বারার বাসিন্দাদের প্রতি আহ্বান জানানো হয়েছে।

বারার ১৩ থেকে ১৯ বছর বয়সীদের নানামুখি পারফরমেন্সের অসাধারণ এই মঞ্চায়নে র্যাপ মিউজিক ও সংলাপের মাধ্যমে এজে নামের এক মুসলিম তরুণীর গল্প তুলে ধরা হয়েছে, যে নিজের সত্যিকারের পরিচয়কে লুকাতো রূপকার্থে হিজাব পরিধান করে।

র্যাপচার গীতিনাট্যে সত্য ও প্রবঞ্চনা, মূল্যবোধ

ও গুণাবলী এবং বন্ধুত্বের সত্যিকার মাহাত্ম্য তুলে ধরা হয়েছে।

নাটকের নায়িকা অসাধারণ কিছু র্যাপ লিরিকস লিখেছেন, কিন্তু যেহেতু তারই ঘনিষ্ঠ এক বন্ধু এটি হিপ-হপ দৃশ্য অভিনয় করবে, সেহেতু নায়িকা তার নিজের রাজনৈতিক দৃষ্টিভঙ্গি, সত্যতা এবং চমৎকার গানের কথাগুলোর কোন ক্রেডিট বা প্রশংসা সে পায় না। নাটকের মূল চরিত্র ‘এজে’ তার হৃদয়ের কথাগুলো কবিতার মাধ্যমে ফুটিয়ে তুলেও তার এই প্রতিভার কথা অধিকাংশ মানুষই জানে না। এজে জানেন তার তারণের ওপর ভিন্ন সংস্কৃতি ও বিশ্বাসের দ্বন্দ্ব কিভাবে প্রভাব ফেলছে।

‘র্যাপচার’ নাটকটি গ্রীণউইচ এন্ড লুইসিয়াম ইয়াং পিপলস্ থিয়েটার এবং টাওয়ার হ্যামলেটস্ কাউন্সিলের বাংলা নাট্যোৎসবেও মঞ্চায়িত হবে।

বার্ষিক অভিভাবক সম্মেলন অনুষ্ঠিত

Tenth annual parent conference

কাউন্সিলের দশম বার্ষিক অভিভাবক সম্মেলন গত ৮ মার্চ মঙ্গলবার আইল অব ডগস্ এ অনুষ্ঠিত হয়। ‘ভবিষ্যতের সূচনা এখনই’ শির্ষক এই অনুষ্ঠানে দুই শতাধিক অভিভাবক যোগ দেন।

কাউন্সিলের প্যারেন্ট এন্ড ফ্যামিলি সাপোর্ট সার্ভিসের উদ্যোগে আয়োজিত এই কনফারেন্সের শুরুতে মূল বক্তব্য উপস্থাপন করেন ফ্যামিলি এন্ড চাইল্ডকেয়ার ট্রাস্টের জুলিয়া মার্গো। সম্মেলনে বক্তৃতা, আলোচনা, প্রশ্ন উত্তর পর্বের পাশাপাশি ছিলো তথ্যের স্টল, যেখানে পরি-

বারগুলোর জন্য কী ধরনের সেবা রয়েছে, যেমন ফুটবল কিংবা থিয়েটার থেকে শুরু করে প্যারেন্টিং বা কীভাবে অভিভাবকের দায়িত্ব পালন করতে হয়, সে ব্যাপারে পরামর্শ, ট্রেনিং স্ট্যান্ডার্ডস্ ইত্যাদি বিষয়ে তথ্যাবলী পাওয়া যায়।

আলোচনা অনুষ্ঠানে জেন্ডার স্টেরিওটাইপস্, সিক্সথ ফর্ম এবং ইউনিভার্সিটিগামি ছেলেমেয়েদের সহায়তা করা, অনলাইন সেফটি বিষয়টি তুলে ধরা এবং পারিবারিক সুস্থতা উন্নয়ন নিশ্চিত করার নানা দিক নিয়ে আলোচনা করা হয়।



Winners of the basketball tournament



Bethnal Green Library, once one of the wards of the Bethnal House Asylum



The new Baitul Aman Mosque and Cultural Centre under construction

Gateway to the Green

Walk of the Month: Around Bethnal Green

On this month's walk **Graham Barker** has a spring in his step. Photos by **Kois Miah**.



A gothic archway leads into Meath Gardens, the former Victoria Park Cemetery

Commemorative plaque for Sidney Godley VC



SPRING is in the air. On this month's walk, you'll loop around Bethnal Green parks ablaze with daffodils and alive with birdsong.

There's a good dash of local history too, and a chance to stroll along the newly opened Grand Junction Walk.

As you enter Bethnal Green Gardens, the Stairway to Heaven (1) commemorates 173 people who died underground during a 1943 air raid alarm: "The crowd pressed forward, unable to see the horror of what was happening below." Plinth panels and a Memoryscape audio trail tell moving stories such as Annie Dongray, buried in her wedding dress.

Curve through the park, flanked by palms, shrubs and bedding plants. Bethnal House Asylum once stood here – rather uncharitably, locals dubbed this 'Barmy Park' – and Bethnal Green Library (2) was originally one of the ward blocks.

In front, there's a plaque to Geoffrey Woolley, a local soldier awarded the VC for gallantry at Ypres. Venture inside – through the wooden 'In and Out' screen – to see the recently spruced library. There's an IT room, a dedicated children's area and comfortable sofas. Portraits of Darwin, Marx, Morris and Wagner peer down to provide further inspiration.

Back outside, there are glimpses towards the former Electricity Showrooms – in green-grey chequerboard – as well as student halls, Lee Hurst's Backyard Comedy Club and McQueen's up-market florists.

As you exit by the tennis courts, two landmarks face you: Baitul Aman Mosque and Cultural Centre (3) is currently being built, with the Wessex Centre beyond. Porthole windows and textured stonework add architectural interest to the mosque, designed by local architects Makespace on a tricky triangular site.



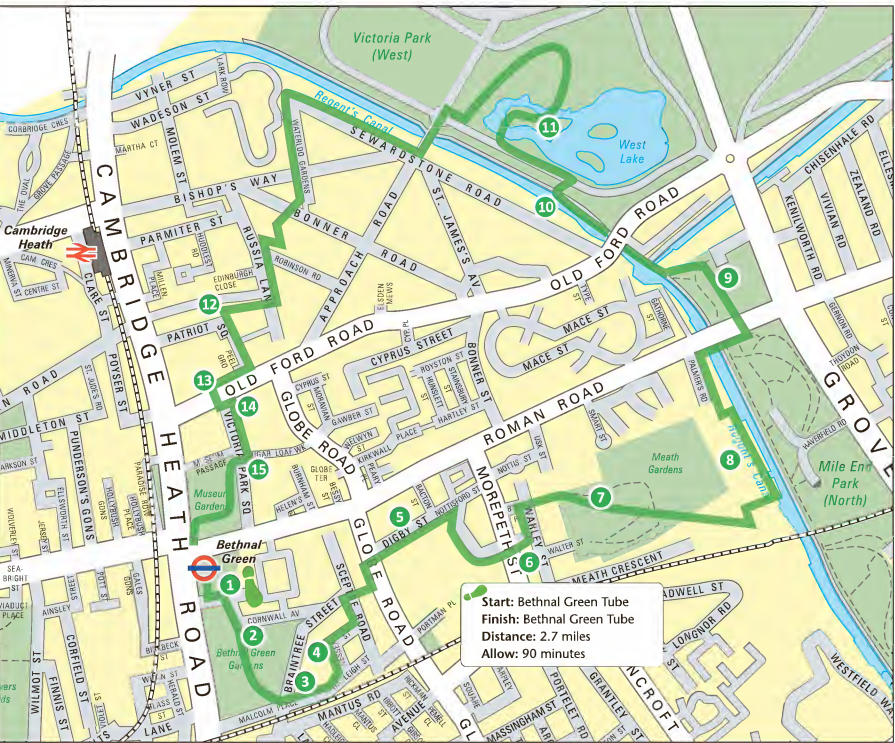
Old Ford Lock on the Hertford Union Canal



The splendid red, turquoise and gold of Victoria Park’s pagoda



The Young Foundation, set up as an urban ‘think-tank’, is still pioneering in social research



Trains whizz overhead as you skirt beside the viaduct. Next, the Wessex Centre (4) – extending upwards in eye-catching stripes – is now Morpeth School’s Sixth Form Centre. Red railings lead you around Bangabandhu Primary School – meaning ‘Friend of Bengal’ – and past an enticing playground of climbing walls, tyre swings and shelters.

Sutton Dwellings, built in 1909, stand to your left. But today you head onto Globe Road – cross with care – and so to the 1930s Digby Estate, picked out in striped brickwork. A plaque (5) relates the story of Sidney Godley VC who single-handedly defended the Nimy railway bridge during the First World War, under sustained fire. Post-war he worked as Cranbrook School’s caretaker.

Beyond the former LCC tramshed, Morpeth School come into view in muted grey and green shades. Trevelyan House (6) rises opposite, one of two remarkable 1950s cluster blocks designed by Denys Lasdun hereabouts.

Skirt beside the play mound, pond and wooden huts at Rachel Keeling Nursery. Around the corner, in Bullards Place, Eastbourne House is now home to London Buddhist Arts and Globe Town Community Association.

The sound of rushing water draws you closer to Old Ford Lock. The canal opened in 1820, linking Limehouse to Paddington Basin.

A colossal gothic archway inscribed ‘VPC 1845’ beckons you into the former Victoria Park Cemetery, now Meath Gardens (7). As you stroll towards the far corner, look out for a eucalyptus – beside its lopped predecessor – planted in honour of Aboriginal cricketer King Cole who died of tuberculosis whilst on tour in 1868.

Cut through to Palmers Road. Apartment blocks by One Housing and Guinness Homes have sprouted up apace. From Cadmium Square, by Marie Walsh’s shamrock sculpture, the new Grand Junction Walk (8) offers fresh views of Mile End Park across the water.

Out on Roman Road, arc over Twig Folly Bridge. There’s time for a few push-ups or leg presses at Wennington Green’s open-air gym (9) before veering down to the Regent’s Canal. The towpath soon slopes over the Hertford Union Canal junction.

The sound of rushing water draws you closer to Old Ford Lock (10). The canal opened in 1820, linking Limehouse to Paddington Basin, and, to cope with the traffic volumes, most locks were originally doubles, with lock keepers working full-time. These days, volunteers give a helping hand.

Victoria Park’s Arcade Gate was named after a shelter – with Hispano-Moorish tiled alcoves and fluted terracotta columns – that stood nearby until 1956. Make your way over to the pagoda (11), looking splendid in red, turquoise and gold. An info-panel provides further details: East Enders had never seen such a sight when the original Chinese summerhouse was moved here from Hyde Park in 1847. This 2012 replica incorporates upsweeping zinc rooflines and golden dragons on each corner.

Continue under a weeping beech and past an alpine rockery garden. The main park track is often busy with cyclists, joggers and dog walkers; two ferocious looking Molossian hounds spring into view, thankfully only statues, guarding the Night Walk.

As you exit over Bonner Bridge, the former London Chest Hospital stands opposite, awaiting redevelopment by Circle Housing. Follow Sewardstone Road’s flagstone pavements, initially past Hotel in the Park – a Camden Society retreat for people with learning disabilities – and then flanked by neat 1850s terraces. Beside Scallywags Nursery, a giant mural depicts paddlers, canoeists and other waterside scenes.

From Waterloo Gardens, cut beside St Elizabeth Catholic Primary School into Bonner Road. Opposite, a Victorian brush factory now houses Acme artists’ studios. Zig zag by Sherbrook House, out onto Russia Lane, and take the pathway beside Approach Community Gardens. Allotments sit amongst blossoming trees and beehives.

The former Bethnal Green Town Hall (12) runs away along Patriot Square – an Edwardian gem, now a smart hotel – but today you head past St John’s Schools onto



Shamrock sculpture by Marie Walsh in Cadmium Square

A floral tribute to victims of the Bethnal Green Tube disaster



Old Ford Road. Create Place, Yoga Nest and Ayoka ‘Joy’ charity shop are all affiliated with St Margaret’s House (13). Within a few steps you’re outside St Margaret’s itself, established as a women’s settlement in 1900 and now serving as a focal point for community organisations. Moves are afoot to redevelop the rear space for artists, social entrepreneurs and start-ups.

Cross and take a look inside Our Lady of the Assumption Catholic Church (14), built in 1912 with lofty ceilings and finely gilded shrines. Next door, Mulberry House was the last of many East End Dwellings Company developments in the neighbourhood. Its architecture provides a 1930s take on that of their earlier blocks, including Montfort House built 30 years earlier.

Beyond Sugar Loaf Walk, No 18 is home to the Young Foundation (15) – set up as the urban ‘think-tank’ by Michael Young in 1954 and still pioneering in social research.

Finally, cut through Museum Gardens, in the shadow of the V&A Museum of Childhood. Squirrels scurry, birds sing and the beds are ablaze with spring flowers. St John’s Church towers above you, elegantly designed in the 1820s by Sir John Soane and providing a fitting end to your walk.

A range of services

The council provides many services for residents and businesses. Go to the A-Z on the website at...

WWW.TOWERHAMLETS.GOV.UK

Council information

Tower Hamlets forward planner

TOWER Hamlets Council produces a forward plan every month detailing the key decisions it will take, together with the details of the author, and consultation undertaken. It can be found in Idea Stores, libraries, One Stop Shops and council offices or at www.towerhamlets.gov.uk/data/your-council/data/forward-plan/forward-plan.cfm

Meetings

Tuesday, March 22

6.30pm: Licensing sub-committee

The meeting will consider an application to review the premises licence for Curry Bazaar, 77 Brick Lane, E1 and an application for variation of a premises licence for The Marksman, 254 Hackney Road, E2.

For details call Simmi Yesmin on 7364 4120 or email simmi.yesmin@towerhamlets.gov.uk

7pm: Audit committee

For details call Antonella Burgio on 7364 4881 or email antonella.burgio@towerhamlets.gov.uk

the author, and consultation undertaken. It can be found in Idea Stores, libraries, One Stop Shops and council offices or at www.towerhamlets.gov.uk/data/your-council/data/forward-plan/forward-plan.cfm

Wednesday, March 23

7.30pm: Council

For details call Matthew Mannion on 7364 4651 or email matthew.mannion@towerhamlets.gov.uk

Monday, April 4

7.15pm: Overview & scrutiny committee

For details call David Knight on 7364 4878 or email david.knight@towerhamlets.gov.uk

Details are accurate at time of going to press. Agendas are available online a week before meetings, which are at the Town Hall, Mulberry Place, 5 Clove Crescent, Poplar, E14 2BG, except cabinet.



Get information on welfare reform

The council's benefits service can provide information about housing benefit, council tax benefit and entitlement to free school meals. It has compiled a list of helpful agencies at...

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Planning

E1w

19 Vinegar Street – demolition of existing conservatory and construction of single-storey rear extension.

E1

43a Commercial Street – alterations to shopfront and installation of three air conditioning condensers.

114 Vallance Road – transparent, glazed canopy at first floor.

178-180 Brady Street – details of external facing materials, proposed frontages, soil report, cycle storage, car-free and noise and vibration of planning permission, ref: PA/10/00814.

Flat C, 66 Settles Street – loft conversion with rear and front dormers.

31-33 Prescott Street – details of highway improvement works of planning permission, ref: PA/14/03553.

Third floor, 273a Whitechapel Road – conversion of third floor from warehouse to residential use.

151-153 Commercial Street – listed building consent for repainting of shopfront and provision of signage, installation of louvres to fanlights and minor internal alterations.

28 Beaumont Grove – reduce crown of large acer tree.

Rochelle School, Arnold Circus – variation of operating hours of planning permission, ref: APP/E5900/A/11/2144732.

37 New Road – new staircase, railings, door to basement and internal WCs to all levels.

E2

30 Old Ford Road – single-storey mansard roof extension to existing house.

E3

4 Fairfield Road – remove existing front elevation white-painted, single-glazed timber frame windows and replace with white painted, double-glazed timber frame windows, to match existing fenestration.

Tavern House, 393 Old Ford Road – details of materials and samples of planning permission, ref: PA/13/00006.

221 Grove Road – extension to rear of existing premises for storage purposes.

61 Lyal Road – removal of main rear chimney.

34 Tredegar Road – retrospective planning permission for removal of existing front elevation white-painted, single-glazed timber windows and replacement with white-painted, double-glazed timber windows matching existing fenestration.

46 Arbery Road – retrospective planning permission for removal of existing front elevation white painted, single-glazed timber frame windows and replacement with white painted, double-glazed timber windows matching existing fenestration.

22 St Andrews Way – over-cladding to existing roof and installation of insulation. Reinstatement of smoke vents and repairs/replacement to guttering.

Unit 8a, Empson Street – change of use from office to hot food takeaway.

E9

112b Cadogan Terrace – retrospective planning permission for removal of front elevation white painted, single-glazed timber windows and replacement with white painted, double-glazed timber windows matching existing fenestration.

E14

Leamouth Peninsula North, Orchard Place – details of code for sustainable homes of planning permission, ref: PA/14/01655.

Site at north east junction of Blackwall Tunnel Northern Approach and Twelvetreeces Cresent – details of construction logistics plan of planning permission, ref: PA/15/01470.

3 Kingfield Street – loft conversion.

83 Barchester Street – details of easily adaptable units of planning permission, ref: PA/14/2607.

Land at 160-166 Chrisp Street – details of scaffolding and PV array of planning permission, ref: PA/ 15/00039.

Phoenix Public House, 104 East India Dock Road – highway details of planning permission, ref: PA/12/01912.

41 Saltwell Street – conversion of garage into habitable accommodation with replacement of garage door with windows and insertion of window into side elevation.

96 Saunders Ness Road – conversion of two single-storey garages to two 2-storey extensions.

Drug treatment providers

Community Drug Team

Substitute prescribing, key working, health screening & referral to residential treatment. 71 Johnson Street, E1.

7790 1344

www.lifeline.org.uk

Nafas

Support with a focus on Bangladeshi community. The Davenant Centre, 179-181 Whitechapel Road, E1 7377 0676.

Harbour Recovery Centre

In-patient detox for 18+ males. Riverside House, 4th Floor, 20 Garford Street, E14. 7538 9421

Young People's Service

Treatment for under-19s Unit 26, Skyline Village, Limeharbour, E14. 3069 7878 www.lifeline.org.uk

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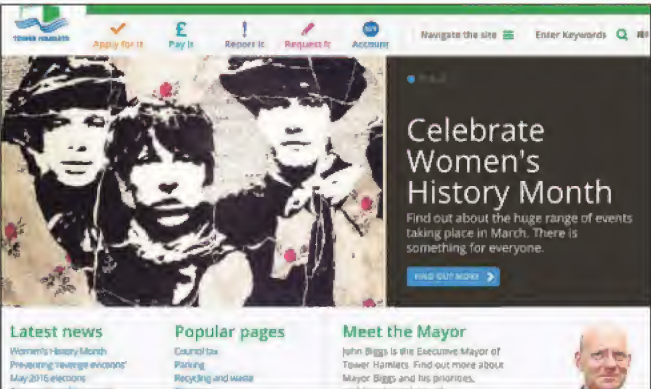
For women aged over 18 c/o Hopetown Hostel, 60 Old Montague Street, E1. 7426 0399 www.compass-uk.org

Community Alcohol Team

Unit 22, Skylines Village Limeharbour, E14. 0800 008 7200 www.rapt.org.uk

Somali Substance Misuse

Help, advice & referral for people with khat, alcohol or drug issues. Contact Idriis Elmi. Mind in Tower Hamlets & Newham, Open House 13 Whitethorn Street, E3. 7510 1081



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- make a doorstep recycling request
- report an abandoned vehicle
- bulk rubbish collections





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Did you get it?

Last edition's picture was of the Convent of Mercy in Bethnal Green.

Council information

Town Hall

Town Hall, Mulberry Place,
5 Clove Crescent, E14 2BG.
7364 5000

Hotline numbers

Housing benefits – 7364 5001
Council tax – 7364 5002
Parking services – 7364 5003
Streetline – 7364 5004
Adult social care – 7364 5005
Children's services – 7364 5006
Pest and noise nuisance –
7364 5007
Employment & skills service
(Skillsmatch) – 7364 3727
Environmental health,
trading standards & licensing
– 7364 5008
Planning & development
– 7364 5009
Business rates – 7364 5010
Recruitment line – 7364 5011
Electoral services – 7364 0872
Tower Hamlets Homes
– 7364 5015
Healthline – 7364 5016
Anti-Fraud – 0800 528 0294

General enquiries

Council enquiries – 7364 5020.

Useful housing numbers

Housing repairs – 0800 376 1637
Tenancy support – 7364 5544
Housing advice – 7364 3558
Homeless service – 7364 7474
Choice-based lettings
– 7364 0244
Homeseekers – 0845 270 2400

Switchboard

If you know the name of the person or department you wish to speak to, call the switchboard on 7364 5000.



This picture of sunrise on the Isle of Dogs was taken by reader Peter Bowyer. "I took this picture at 7.30 this morning," Peter wrote. "It's a misty sun over Mudchute Park, taken from my front garden, in bare feet!" If you would like photos of your own you would like to see published in East End Life, email them to eastendlife.news@towerhamlets.gov.uk or send them to Photo Poser, East End Life, Town Hall, Mulberry Place, 5 Clove Crescent, Poplar, E14 2BG. They need to be high resolution, at least 1MB and 300 dpi.

Report it!

To report an incident, use these 24-hour freephone numbers:

Non-emergency crimes – 101
Textphone – 18001 101

If a crime is in progress, there is an emergency or if anyone is in immediate danger dial 999.

The council's domestic violence team can provide information, signposting and referrals to local services. Bengali speakers available

0800 279 5434 (office hours)
24-hour domestic violence national helpline
0808 2000 247
Haven Whitechapel (sexual assault referral centre)
7247 4787
Karma Nirvana (Honour Network Helpline)
0800 5999 247
Broken Rainbow (LGBT domestic violence)
0845 260 4460
Black Women's Health & Family Support
8980 3503
Rights of Women

(legal advice)
7251 6577
Victim Support Line
0845 30 30 900
Victim Support Tower Hamlets
8555 8254
NSPCC Child Protection Helpline
0800 800 5000
Childline
0800 1111
Shelterline
0808 800 4444
Respect (for perpetrators)
0845 122 8609

Reunite (advice about child abduction)
0116 2556 234
Men's Advice Helpline
0808 8010 327
Samaritans
08457 909090
Tower Hamlets Mediation Service offers confidential and impartial advice with neighbour conflict
Free service for council tenants and leaseholders. 7702 8305
Trading standards
Consumer Direct: 08454 040506

Walk-in services

One Stop Shops

Bethnal Green – 1 Rushmead, off Bethnal Green Road, E2
Bow & North Poplar – John Onslow House, 1 Ewart Place, E3
South Poplar – 15 Market Square, Chrisp Street, E14
Stepney & Wapping – Idea Store Watney Market, 260 Commercial Road, E1.
Open Mon-Fri, 9am, doors close at 4.30pm. Sat, 9am, doors close 12.30pm at Rushmead and Idea Store Watney Market only.

Idea Stores

Bow – Gladstone Place, E3.
Canary Wharf – Churchill Place, Canary Wharf, E14.
Chrisp Street – Vesey Path, E14.
Whitechapel – 321 Whitechapel Road, E1. 7364 4332
Watney Market – Commercial E1. 7364 4332
All open: Mon to Thurs, 9am-9pm; Fri, 9am-6pm; Sat, 9am-5pm. Sundays – Bow and Chrisp Street open, 10am-4pm; Whitechapel, 11am-5pm; and Canary Wharf, 12-6pm.

Libraries

Bethnal Green – Cambridge Heath Road, E2. 7364 3493
Cubitt Town – Strattondale Street, E14. 7987 3152
All open: Mon, Tues, Weds & Fri, 10am-6pm; Thurs, 10am-8pm; Sat, 9am-5pm.
Local History Library and Archives – 277 Bancroft Road, E1. Open Tues, 10am-5pm; Weds, 9am-5pm; Thurs, 9am-8pm; Sat (1st & 3rd of the month), 9am-5pm.
7364 1290; email localhistory@towerhamlets.gov.uk

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A singer by design

Singer songwriter Seal was born in London in 1963 and originally trained as an architect.



Love nose no boundaries

Cyrano de Bergerac, written in 1897 by Edmond Rostand tells the tale of a French soldier with an extremely large nose, who believes that his looks deny him "the dream of being loved".

Out & About

Labels launches theatre space

THEATRE Royal Stratford East launched a new 80-seat space with a multi-award winning Edinburgh hit by Joe Sellman-Leava.

Labels examines how we use words, the lines between curiosity and fear, and the increase in the use of anti-immigration rhetoric.

Inspired by a racism and equality workshop led by Oscar-winning writer, actor and activist Emma Thompson, Labels premiered in the midst of the ongoing humanitarian crisis in Europe and fierce debates around migration and refugees.

Labels won a Scotsman Fringe

First award and the Holden Street Theatre award at last year's Edinburgh Fringe.

It was also shortlisted for the Amnesty International's Freedom of Expression Award. Ms Thompson said that it is a "terrific piece."

"I love it. Simple, powerful, important and funny."

The play runs from April 5-30 and the curtain goes up at 8pm.

There is a matinee on Saturdays at 4pm.

The new space is in Gerry's, a café, opposite the venue in Gerry Raffles Square.

For more information or to book tickets, call the box office on 8534 0310.

Music Time line-up gets Seal of approval

BY JACQUELINE HARTHILL

THE full line-up for this year's Greenwich Music Time has been confirmed.

The six-day concert series, which runs from July 5-10, will be headlined by soul superstar Seal and one of the biggest bands of the 70s, 10cc.

London-born multi-platinum singer-songwriter Seal has worldwide album sales exceeding 30 million.

His inimitable voice was first heard on Adamski's 1991 club smash Killer, followed by his Top 10, hit Crazy.

He went on to win the BRIT Award for Best British Male in 1992, while hits like Kiss From a Rose earned him multiple Grammy awards and global esteem.

In November, he released his ninth album, 7, which reunites him with longtime collaborator, producer Trevor Horn.

Seventies art-pop giants 10cc have also amassed more than 30 million album sales worldwide and will be going through their extensive back catalogue of hits.



The current line-up consists of co-founding member Graham Gouldman (bass, guitars, vocals), Paul Burgess (drums, percussion), Rick Fenn (lead guitar, vocals, bass), Mick Wilson (vocals, guitar, percussion) and Keith Hayman (vocals, keyboards, guitar). Support comes from The Feeling.

Eighties pop duo Roxette and Grammy-winning pianist Jamie Cullum will also be there.

Greenwich Music Time takes place at the Old Royal Naval College in Greenwich.

Tickets are available from www.greenwichmusictime.co.uk or by calling 0844 499 9999.



EASTER HOLIDAYS

A TASTER OF WHAT'S ON AT SPOTLIGHT

29 MAR-
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A Grime Guide

by Create London
TUE 29 MAR-FRI 1 APR
12-4PM

Come and spit bars, and help record and mix an audio guide to east London. With Slixx and Prince Rapid from Ruff Sawad and artists Dash & Dem.

Dance Workshop

by Candoco
FRI 1 APR
2-4PM

Join Candoco Dance Company for an energetic, exciting and creative dance workshop. This workshop is open to disabled and non-disabled young people and no dance experience is necessary.

Spotlight isn't a youth club or a youth centre: it's a multi-million pound creative arts youth space designed to inspire. Shaped by young people for young people, and it's all free!

Here is a taster of what we are offering this Easter - there will be lot's more happening including Breakfast Club, boxing, a quiz night and fashion!

To Book

Contact 020 30 111 333
hello@wearespotlight.com
Or drop in and see us at:
Spotlight,
30 Hay Currie Street,
E14 6GN
(next to Langdon Park DLR)

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Artists discover Darwin

TO commemorate the 180th anniversary of Darwin's return to Britain after his five year voyage on HMS Beagle, 12 contemporary artists are featured in an exhibition in Bethnal Green.

Discovery: Reimagining Darwin's World reveals the artists' interpretations of the great man's investigations and thoughts on the natural world.

From tiny details through to sweeping concepts, each artist brings their own insight into the ideas of Charles Darwin.

Visitors can enjoy a wide range of exhibits including an interactive, mechanical sculpture, illustrations and 3D prints of our potential evolutionary development.

Darwin's own account of his



travels, The Voyage of the Beagle, was a starting point for the artists' works from a themed pinball machine, where you battle the elements as you travel around the world, to investigations into coral reefs and diatoms through mixed media work created using hot wax, blow torches, hotplates and razor blades.

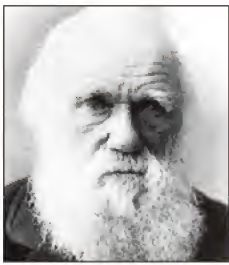
In addition, the artists have each produced a single piece of work based on the Galapagos

ground finch and these can be seen on the landing between the basement and the ground floor.

As with other exhibitions at the Gallery, the artists are actively involved and some will be on site each day.

The venue is at 159 Bethnal Green Road and the show runs from May 3-15, from 1-7pm daily; Sundays 1-5pm. Entry is free.

Visit www.espaciogallery.com for details.



Changing the course of history

Charles Darwin set sail on the HMS Beagle on December 27, 1831. During the voyage, he made many discoveries about the natural world, which were to change the face of science forever.

Tropical discovery

Among ports of call for Darwin's journey were Cape Verde, Brazil, the Galapagos archipelago and Australia.

Out & About



Double dancing at the Rich Mix

A DANCE and film double bill promises an evening of engaging and intriguing work by two female choreographers.

Experiential Dance will perform the hypnotic dance, film and music production Bridging The Void, inspired by sunrise and the promise of a new day, at Bethnal Green's Rich Mix.

Choreographer Sivan Rubinstein will present Samba and Tears, a dance production that explores the consumption of media-packaged current affairs.

Devised and choreographed by the company's artistic director and resident film-

maker, Rachel Johnson, Bridging the Void features three dancers – Eleanor Palmer, Elzbieta Kowalik and Clélia Vuille, some exquisite footage of sunrise shot by film-maker Jonathan Binks and a haunting, original score composed by James Welland.

Samba And Tears explores the never-ending floods of processed information that wash over us.

The performance will take place on Sunday, April 3 at 7:30pm at the Bethnal Green Road venue.

Tickets are priced at £10, £8 concessions.

Call 7613 7498 or visit www.richmix.org.uk

Be enraptured by Cyrano update

BY SHALINA HUSSAIN

DON'T miss your chance to see a dynamic theatre show before it heads to the Edinburgh Fringe Festival.

The council's 'A' Team Arts presents Rapture, a modern day update of classic tale Cyrano De Bergerac.

It will be on at the Brady Arts Centre in Whitechapel from March 31 to April 2.

The production, put together by young people aged 13-19, uses rap music and spoken word to tell the story of a young Muslim woman called AJ, who wears her hijab as an actual as well as metaphorical veil to her true identity.

Rapture explores the universally relevant themes of truth and deception, values and virtues, and the real meaning of friendship.

Our heroine writes amazing rap lyrics but, because her best



friend performs them on the hip hop scene, she doesn't get the credit for her own political, honest and beautifully composed words.

AJ uses the power of poetry to bare her soul, but her talents go largely unnoticed.

She feels the weight of peer pressure, and longs to belong, but she understands the conflicting influences that different cultures and faiths have on youth identity.

This play focuses on women in hip-hop and women in Islam, as well as the wider issues of marginalisation and radicalisation in east London.

Rapture will also be performed at the Greenwich and Lewisham Young People's Theatre and the council's Season of Bangla Drama later this year.

For full details of performance dates and times visit www.towerhamlets.gov.uk/arts

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National treasure

Kazi Nazrul Islam was a poet, writer, musician and revolutionary, and the national poet of Bangladesh.



Locked up for being Wilde

Dublin born writer Oscar Wilde, best known for his novel The Picture of Dorian Gray and play The Importance of Being Earnest, was arrested and imprisoned for being gay.

SEE BELOW

Out & about guide

Comedy

Upfront Comedy

Self-proclaimed Don of Comedy Curtis Walker, previous recipient of Best Male Stand-up in the Black International Comedy Awards, takes the Hoxton Hall stage alongside award winning British Asian comedian Shazia Mirza. Stratford's Teddy Bear hosts the evening with a guest appearance from Maverick and one to watch Athena Kugblenu, BBC New Comedy Award 2015 finalist. Sat, Apr 2, 8pm. £14.50, £12.50 concessions. Hoxton Hall, 130 Hoxton Street, N1. 7684 0060 <https://www.hoxtonhall.co.uk/upfront-comedy>

Exhibitions

Square One

Exhibition by second year BA (Hons) press and editorial photography students from Falmouth University. Featured is a broad range of photographic styles and genres from sports to news, fashion to documentary and portraiture. Mon, Mar 21-Weds, Mar 23. Free. Oxford House Gallery, Derbyshire Street, E2. www.oxfordhouse.org.uk/

Unfurling Bangladesh: the picture through her eyes

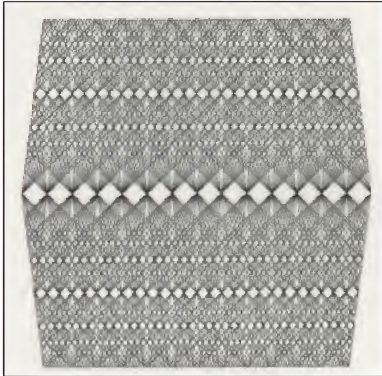
Showcasing elements of reality as seen through the eyes of the surfer girls of Cox's Bazar and garment factory workers in Dhaka. These images were realised through a series of participatory photography projects. These intimate snapshots of women's everyday lives defy conventional ideas of oppression in a locale where the textile industry



remains haunted by incidents of labour rights abuses and surfing for girls remains frowned upon. Weds, Mar 23-Sat, Apr 2. Free. Lower café gallery, Rich Mix, 35-37 Bethnal Green Road, E2. 7613 7498

Channa Horwitz

Among the pioneers of Californian minimalism in the late 1960s and 70s, Horwitz came to base all her



work (pictured) on the numbers one to eight, often deploying a colour code for each. Until Sun, May 1. Raven Row, 56 Artillery Lane, E1. 7377 4300

Magnus Rodwell and Marta Mrugala

A collaborative exhibition of the work of the two artists. A launch evening will take place on Friday, April 8.

Meeting Nazrul

Imagine meeting Kazi Nazrul Islam, the giant of Bengali literature and arts, heralded as Bangladesh's poet laureate, who from 1949 to his death in 1976 never spoke a word. British-based vocalist Lucy Rahman collaborates with Kathak artist Amina Khayyam to imagine such a meeting. Her haunting vocals set the expectation for Amina's emotionally laden art to bring to life the contemporary topicality of his songs and writings. Fri, Mar 25, 7.30pm. £10, £8 concessions. Rich Mix, 35-47 Bethnal Green Road, E1. 7613 7498 <http://www.richmix.org.uk/whats-on/event/meeting-nazrul/>

Email 504arts@gmail.com to get on the guest list. Fri, Apr 8-Fri, May 6, 9am-8pm. 504 Gallery, 504 Roman Road, E3. <http://504galleryroom.co.uk/index.html>

Music

Baul & Vaishnav Music Festival

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Named after heroic nurse

It is believed that Edith Piaf was named after Edith Cavell, a Whitechapel-trained nurse who was executed in the First World War for helping Belgian soldiers escape from the Germans.

SEE BELOW

No regrets

Edith Piaf's most famous and best-loved songs include La Vie en Rose and Non, Je Ne Regrette Rien.

Out & about guide

groups and individual performers.
Sat, Mar 26, 6pm. Free.
Kobi Nazrul Centre, 30 Hanbury Street, E1.
Sun, Mar 27, 7pm. Free.
Rich Mix, 35-47 Bethnal Green Road, E1.
07737 828922
<https://radharamanleeds.wordpress.com/>

Americana: in concert

High School Musical meets all-American nightmare in this love story between a rebellious stoner punk and a football player. In a town where schoolkids stay in their stereotypical cliques, just how far will our teenage rebels go in their fight for freedom, love and high school justice?
Thurs, Mar, 31-Sat, Apr 2, 7.30pm.
£22.50-£10.
Theatre Royal Stratford East, Gerry Raffles Square, E15.
8534 0310
www.stratfordeast.com

Betty Wright live in concert

The seventies soul diva performs many of her classic hits such as Clean Up Woman, with Rose Vincent supporting.
Sun, Apr 10, 7pm. From £27.50.
Indigo at the O2, Greenwich SE10.
7635 7299
www.soulmotionUK.co.uk

Talk

Organs on chips

Comedian Robin Ince hosts a talk on the pioneering research of Harvard professor Donald Ingber. Professor Ingber will discuss his work creating artificial human and animal organs on chips at the Wyss

Institute at Harvard. This will revolutionise medicine by developing our ability to model and understand disease and by helping to test new medicines. Go along for an evening of lively discussion and humour.
Free. Tues, Mar 29, 5.30-8pm
The Octagon, Queens' Building, Queen Mary University of London, 327 Mile End Road, E1.
www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/bioengineering-the-human-body-organ-on-chips-tickets-20857090118

Theatre

Wilde Tales

Although best known for his classic novels, Oscar Wilde's short stories continue to delight audiences worldwide. From stone princes to Spanish princesses, talking birds to terrifying giants, see these much-loved tales come to life like never before. In a brand new adaptation, Suitcase Civilians draw on his two major collections – The Happy Prince and Other Stories and A House of Pomegranates – to take the magic of Wilde and translate them into a magical experience for young and old alike.
Tues, Apr 5-Sun, Apr 10, 7.30pm.
Sat 4pm. £10-£12.
The Space, 269 Westferry Road, E14.
7515 7799
<https://space.org.uk/event/wilde-tales/>

The Girl and the Giraffe

The Half Moon Theatre Company present puppetry and an enchanting soundscape in a sensitive show about love and friendship, told from a child's perspective. For children aged

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Sat, Mar 26, 2pm. £10, £7 concessions.
Hoxton Hall, 130 Hoxton Street, N1.
7684 0060
<https://www.hoxtonhall.co.uk/the-girl-and-the-giraffe/>

A theatrical journey into darkness

Samuel Beckett described his radio plays as "coming out of the dark". Now, internationally acclaimed director Max Stafford-Clark is literally taking blindfolded audiences into darkness for a rare live production of Beckett's first radio play. All That Fall is the story of faltering journeys, one woman's slow walk to a country station to meet her husband on his birthday, the people who help and hinder her and the strange event that delays it, keeping them apart in more ways than one.
March 22-April 9, 6pm & 8pm.
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Wilton's Music Hall, Graces Alley, E1
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Shakespeare celebration

Series of events, lectures and walking tours to mark the excavation of Curtain Theatre, Shakespeare's original playhouse in Shoreditch, by Museum of London archaeologists. Events will see experts in Shakespeare, theatre, history and archaeology sharing their knowledge about the early modern theatrical scene, Shakespeare in London, rogues and villains of Shoreditch's theatres and eating and drinking in theatreland. Part of the Shakespeare400 celebrations.
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www.thestageshoreditch.com



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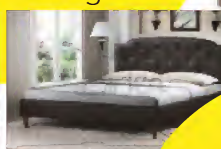
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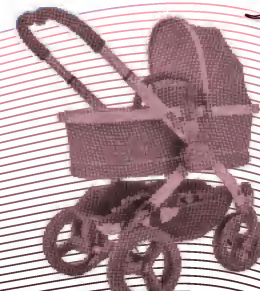
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Eating out, eating in

Much to admire in new Roman Italian

BY GORDON BLUE

AS we walk in to Bacaro, a new Italian on Roman Road, it strongly resembles a glamorous Neighbourhood Watch meeting.

I see friends and neighbours beatific in the warm lighting, cheered with wine and dizzied by the very decor.

My eyes dart around the premises – top-drawer glassware, cutlery with the heft of quality.

We are seated at a table for four while friends of ours, urgently looking for a table, walk in. It is meant to be and we sit in a quorum quartet and await our communion.

I have spent the week vertiginously eyeing up the menu and cannot wait to get started.

We enhance our already excellent wine with parmesan baskets and anchovies, twinned with artichokes.

The startling saltiness of the anchovies counterpoint the creamy artichokes with charm.

Ditto the punchy parmesan,



Warm lighting and great food at Bacaro in Roman Road

enveloped in an unctuous sauce.

Antipasti of tiger prawns leave us panting like Pavlovian dogs for what's to come. Beetroot and goat's cheese raviolini is lovely and my seafood stew is borderline genius in its orchestration of flavours. Sublime, with notes of saffron and rouille adding depth.

Perfection cannot be faced

without flaws and our nectarines at the dessert stage were at risk of denting rather than al dente.

But this is their opening week and they are finding their feet, I believe, probably rather overwhelmed with the demand.

Four of us ate three courses plus appetisers for just over £35 a head, including copious wine.

The Holy Trinity of ambi-

ence, quality and value is too much for my psyche to bear and this place could easily become my new habit.

I refuse to let this glorious night end and the quartet continue ripping up the carpet at home, polishing off the night with the Silver Fox's LP collection and limoncello for digestifs.

■ **Bacaro is at 387 Roman Road, E3. Tel: 8980 0111.**

Let spare spuds soak up flavour

THIS week's recipe comes from the Love Food Hate Waste website.

It uses up potatoes and fresh herbs, but all kinds of other root vegetables can be cooked in this way.

The amount of stock required is affected by the size of the dish – you may need to use a little less or a little more, but don't put too much in the dish or it will overflow during cooking.

One last important tip is don't try to make this with

cooked potatoes – they will not absorb the stock.

The recipe is suitable for vegans, as long as the stock is free from animal and dairy products, hence the suggestion to use vegan margarine.

If you have a recipe to suggest using leftovers or tips about reducing the amount of food we throw away, you could win £50 worth of shopping vouchers!

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Potato layer bake – serves 4

Ingredients

750g potatoes

1 onion

17 fl oz/500ml vegetable stock

3 tbsp chopped fresh herbs

such as rosemary or sage

25g vegan margarine

Salt and pepper to taste

Method

1. Preheat the oven to 180C/350F.

2. Peel the potatoes and slice them as thinly as you can. Peel and finely chop the onion.

3. Layer the potato slices with the onions and herbs in a large ovenproof dish. Pour the stock over the top – it should not quite cover the potatoes.

4. Cover the dish with foil and bake for 25 minutes.

5. Take the dish out of the oven, take off the foil and dot the margarine over the top. Return to the oven without foil and bake for a further 20 minutes until the potatoes are tender and the top of the dish is golden.

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ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 - SECTION 14 (1)

TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC – CRISPIN STREET E1

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the Council of the London Borough of Tower Hamlets, having consulted with Transport for London and City of London, propose to make an Order, which will prohibit vehicular traffic from entering, stopping or proceeding the following temporary prohibition:

Location: Crispin Street between its junction with Brushfield Street and its junction with White's Row;

Reason: To allow essential crane works to be carried out on the public highway by Baldwins Crane

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Alternative Route: For vehicular traffic will be via Brushfield Street, Commercial Street, Whitechapel High Street, Aldgate High Street, Dukes Place, Bevis Marks, Camomile Street, Bishopsgate, Middlesex Street, Cobb Street and Bell Lane;

Period: On Saturday 16th April 2016 and Sunday 17th April 2016.

Please refer any queries regarding the above traffic restrictions to David Pryce, Network Coordinator, Clean, Green and Highways on 020 7364 6898 or email david.pryce@towerhamlets.gov.uk

Dated: 21st March 2016

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LONDON BOROUGH OF TOWER HAMLETS

LICENSING ACT 2003

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Representations must be received no later than 12/04/16

The Application Record and Register may be viewed between 10am and 4pm Monday to Friday during normal office hours at the above address.

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NOTICE OF INTENDED DISPOSAL OF LISTED LAND QUEENS HEAD PH, 8 FLAMBOROUGH STREET, LONDON E14 7LS

NOTICE is hereby given that on **29th February 2016** the owner of Queens Head Public House, 8 Flamborough Street, London E14 7LS ('the property') notified the Council pursuant to section 95(2) of the Localism Act 2011 ('the Act') that it intends to dispose of (i.e. sell) the property. The property has been listed as an asset of community value since **1 February 2016**.

Any community interest group (as defined in the Act and the Asset of Community Value (England) Regulations 2012) may now make a written request to be treated as a bidder for the property. Such requests must be made before the end of the interim moratorium period, which expires on **11 April 2016**.

If any community interest group makes a written request then a full moratorium period will apply, expiring on **29 August 2016**.

During the moratorium periods the owner may not dispose of the property other than to a community interest group (or where the disposal falls within an exemption identified in the Act or Regulations).

If no sale to a community interest group is agreed during the applicable moratorium period, then the owner will be free to sell the property on the open market during a protected period expiring on **29 August 2016**.

Any community interest group wishing to be treated as a bidder should contact Gavin Wilson, Head of Asset Management, London Borough of Tower Hamlets, Town Hall, Mulberry Place, 5 Clove Crescent London E14 2BG, gavin.wilson@towerhamlets.gov.uk, Telephone: 020 7364 5000.

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LONDON BOROUGH OF TOWER HAMLETS

The Tower Hamlets (Waiting and Loading) (No.1) Order 2015 (Amendment No.15) Order 2016.

The Tower Hamlets (A6 Parking Places) (no.1) Order 2015 (Amendment No.1) Order 2016.

The Tower Hamlets (D2 Parking Places) (no.1) Order 2015 (Amendment No.2) Order 2016.

The Tower Hamlets (Free Parking Places) Disabled persons (No.1) Order 2015 (Amendment No.10) Order 2016.

- NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Council of the London Borough of Tower Hamlets on 21st March 2016 propose the above-mentioned Orders under the relevant sections of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, as amended by Section 5 of the Local Government Act 1985 and the Traffic Management Act 2004.
- The general effect of the Orders would be to in:
 - East Ferry Road** (Outside no.190 & 180) – To upgrade the Single Yellow line to Double Yellow line.
 - Pier Street and Manchester Road** (Outside the Old Pier Tavern Public House) – To convert both Pay & Display Bays into Shared Use (Permit and Pay & Display) Bays.
 - Greatorex Street** (opposite no.50) – To extend the existing Business Bay by two Parking spaces in a northerly direction by removing the Double Yellow line.
 - Ronald Street** (Opposite no. 15) – To introduce No Loading 'At Any Time' for 11m outside garage entrance.
 - Copenhagen Place** (Outside Carmine Wharf) – To convert three vehicles spaces (18m) to General Disable Bay.
 - Violet Road** (Both side between Ashmore House and Devons Road) – Upgrade Single Yellow Line to Double Yellow line.
 - Brownfield Street** – Upgrade Single Yellow line to Double Yellow line.
 - Brownfield Street** (South Kerb, outside no.110/130) – Introduce No Loading 'At Any Time'.
- The Regulations, fees and usual exemptions imposed by the governing Traffic Management Orders would apply to the proposals referred to in paragraph 2 above.
- A copy of each of the proposed Orders and all relevant documents can be inspected, by prior appointment, at the Parking Mobility & Transport Services Offices, 585-593 Commercial Road, London E1 0HJ (020 7364 6949), during normal office hours on Monday to Friday inclusive until the expiration of a period of 21 days from the date on which this notice is published.
- Any person desiring to comment on or object to any of the proposed Orders should send a statement in writing or Email: Parking.development@towerhamlets.gov.uk of their objection and the grounds thereof, to the above address within the aforementioned period of 21 days.

Dated: 21st March 2016

SIMON BAXTER
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LONDON BOROUGH OF TOWER HAMLETS

ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 - SECTION 14 (1)

TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC – GLASS STREET E2

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Council of the London Borough of Tower Hamlets, made an Order, which will continue in force to prohibit vehicular traffic from entering, stopping or proceeding the following temporary prohibition:

Location: Glass Street between its junction with Herald Street and its junction with Coventry Road;

Reason: To allow essential works to be carried out on the public highway by Network Rail;

Alternative Route: For vehicular traffic will be via Herald Street, Witan Street (westbound), and Coventry Road or Herald Street, Three Colts Lane and Coventry Road and vice versa;

Period: From Friday 1st April 2016 to Friday 15th April 2016.

Please refer any queries regarding the above traffic restrictions to Dave Pryce, Network Coordinator, Network Management Team on 020 7364 6898 or email david.pryce@towerhamlets.gov.uk

Dated: 21st March 2016

SIMON BAXTER

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LONDON BOROUGH OF TOWER HAMLETS

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Licence(s) for the premises: Hollywood Star Nails, 425 Bethnal Green Road, London E2 0AN

Anyone wishing to oppose the application must give notice in writing to David Tolley, Head of Consumer and Business Regulations Service, 6th Floor, Mulberry Place, 5 Clove Crescent, London E14 2BG Within Three Weeks specifying the grounds of opposition.

Persons objecting to the grant of a licence must be prepared to attend in person at a hearing before a Committee of the Council.

LONDON BOROUGH OF TOWER HAMLETS

ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 - SECTION

14 (1)

TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC – SWANFIELD STREET E2

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the Council of the London Borough of Tower Hamlets made an Order, which will prohibit vehicular traffic from entering, stopping or proceeding, the following temporary prohibition:

• **Location:** Swanfield Street between its junction with Redchurch Street and its junction with Old Nichol Street;

• **Reason:** To allow works to be carried out on the public highway by LBTH.

• **Alternative Route:** For vehicular traffic will be via Redchurch Street (westbound), Club Row and Old Nichol Street and vice versa.

• **Period:** From Tuesday 29th March 2016 to Thursday 7th April 2016.

Please refer any queries regarding the above traffic restrictions to Gary Marshall, Street Scene Engineer, Engineering on 020 7364 6669 or email gary.marshall@towerhamlets.gov.uk

Dated: 21st March 2016

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LONDON BOROUGH OF TOWER HAMLETS

PLANNING (LISTED BUILDINGS AND CONSERVATION AREAS) ACT 1990, SECTIONS 10, 67 AND 73

APPLICATIONS FOR LISTED BUILDING CONSENT AND APPLICATIONS FOR DEVELOPMENT WHICH WOULD IN THE OPINION OF THE LOCAL PLANNING AUTHORITY AFFECT THE CHARACTER OR APPEARANCE OF AN AREA DESIGNATED AS A CONSERVATION AREA OR WOULD AFFECT THE SETTING OF A LISTED BUILDING.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE LONDON BOROUGH OF TOWER HAMLETS IS CONSIDERING THE FOLLOWING APPLICATIONS:

34-40 Bow Road, London, E3 4LN	PA/16/03533
The construction of a new building to the rear of 34-40 Bow Road to provide 10 self-contained residential units consisting of 5 x 1 bed units and 5 x 2 bed units with access from Wellington Way.	
70 & 72 Strahan Road, London E3 5DB	PA/16/00446
Retrospective Planning Permission for the removal of existing front and side elevation white painted single glazed timber framed windows and replacement with white painted double glazed timber framed windows matching the existing fenestration	
46 Arbery Road, London	PA/16/00499
Retrospective planning permission for the removal of existing front elevation white painted single glazed timber windows and replacement with white painted double glazed timber windows matching the existing fenestration.	
Pennington Street Warehouse, London, E1W 2BB	PA/16/00532
Application for Listed Building Consent for works associated with the installation of internal temporary fixtures to the Grade II listed building for a period of 6 months.	
8 Heneage Street, London, E1 5LJ	PA/16/00285
New shop front.	
Flat 3A, 105 Wapping Lane, London, E1W 2RR	PA/16/00506
Alteration of partition wall to provide ensuite bathroom; New partition walls to provide bathroom & Kitchen Refurbishment (Retrospective)	
112B Cadogan Terrace, London, E9 5HP	PA/16/00484
Retrospective planning permission for the removal of existing front elevation white painted single glazed timber windows and replacement with white painted double glazed timber windows matching the existing fenestration	
97A Cadogan Terrace, London, E9 5HP	PA/16/00510
Retrospective planning permission for the removal of existing front elevation white painted single glazed timber windows and replacement with white painted double glazed timber windows matching the existing fenestration.	
457-527 Mile End Road, London, E3 4PA	PA/16/00592
Installation of replacement aluminium double glazed windows and rear doors.	
Unit 8, 14 Hertsmere Road, London, E14 4AE	PA/16/00492
Change of use from A1 to a Class D1 cookery school and minor alterations to electrics and plumbing	
14 Fournier Street, London, E1 6QE	PA/16/00487
Proposed formation of enclosure within front basement lightwell to house meters associated with incoming services. Roof of enclosure to function as a platform for refuse storage at pavement level.	
71A Cadogan Terrace, London, E9 5HP	PA/16/00500
Retrospective planning permission for the removal of existing front elevation white painted single glazed timber windows and replacement with white painted double glazed timber windows matching the existing fenestration.	
Weavers Community Space, Kelsey Street, London, E2 6HD	PA/16/00514
Conversion of the cafe & kitchen into a pre-school playgroup facility, including creation of a new playground to the front and rear of the building.	
White Swan, 556 Commercial Road, London, E14 7JD	PA/16/00518
Advertisement consent for projecting box lighting back of letters.	
103 Bow Road, London	PA/16/00451
Erection of a three storey rear extension and installation of UPVC window at second floor level to the rear of the building.	
33 Heneage Street, London, E1 5LJ	PA/16/00400
T1 - Large Cherry: Reduce crown by 2-3m	

The following are householder applications and in the event of an appeal against a refusal of planning permission, which is to be dealt with on the basis of representations in writing, any representations made about these applications will be sent to the secretary of state, and there will be no further opportunity to comment at appeal stage.

The application and supporting drawings may be viewed electronically at the Planning Office between 9am and 1pm Mondays to Fridays. However, paper files are available for major applications only. You can visit between these times without making an appointment and a planner will be available to help with any general enquiries. The information will also be available on the Council's web site at <https://development.towerhamlets.gov.uk>.

If you respond by email, please tell us your postal address.

Any person who wishes to make representations relating to any of these applications should do so, in writing, within a period of 21 days from the date of publication of this notice to the Development Control Manager at:

Tower Hamlets Planning Department, Mulberry Place, 5 Clove Crescent, London E14 2BG
email: development.control@towerhamlets.gov.uk

Dated: 21st March 2016

OWEN WHALLEY

Head of Planning and Building Control



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THE GREATER LONDON AUTHORITY

THE TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT) REGULATIONS 2011 (AS AMENDED) (“EIA REGULATIONS”)

NOTICE UNDER REGULATION 22 OF SUBMISSION OF FURTHER ENVIRONMENTAL INFORMATION

On 10 August 2015 Northern & Shell Investments No.2 Limited submitted a full planning application (reference number: PA/15/02216) to the London Borough of Tower Hamlets (Mulberry Place, 5 Clove Crescent, London, E14 2BG) for the following development at Former Westferry Printworks, 235 Westferry Road, London E14 8NX:

“Demolition of existing buildings and structures at the former Westferry Printworks site and the subsequent comprehensive mixed use redevelopment comprising a secondary school (Class D1), 737 residential units (Class C3), retail use (Class A1), flexible restaurant and café and drinking establishment uses (Classes A3/A4), flexible office and financial and professional services uses (Classes B1/A2), community uses (Class D1), car and cycle basement parking, associated landscaping, new public realm and all other necessary enabling works”

Following consultation comments, formal amendments to the planning application were submitted to the London Borough of Tower Hamlets on 14 December 2015. The revised description of development is set out below:

“Demolition of existing buildings and structures at the former Westferry Printworks site and the subsequent comprehensive mixed use redevelopment comprising a secondary school (Class D1), 722 residential units (Class C3), retail use (Class A1), flexible restaurant and café and drinking establishment uses (Classes A3/A4), flexible office and financial and professional services uses (Classes B1/A2), community uses (Class D1), car and cycle basement parking, associated landscaping, new public realm and all other necessary enabling works”.

The application is accompanied by an Environmental Statement in accordance with the EIA Regulations.

On 4 February 2016 the Mayor of London (City Hall, The Queen's Walk, London SE1 2AA) confirmed (under article 7 of the Town and Country Planning (Mayor of London) Order 2008) that he would act as local planning authority for the purposes of determining the above planning application (GLA ref: D&P/3663).

The applicant has submitted further environmental information to the Greater London Authority under Regulation 22 of the EIA Regulations. A copy of the further information will be available to view online at: <https://www.london.gov.uk/what-we-do/planning/planning-applications-and-decisions/public-hearings/former-westferry-printworks>

This information may also be inspected by members of the public at all reasonable hours at the Council Offices of the London Borough of Tower Hamlets (Mulberry Place, 5 Clove Crescent, London, E14 2BG) and at City Hall, The Queen’s Walk, London SE1 2AA for 21 days beginning with the date of publication of this notice where copies may be obtained there as long as stocks last. The latest date on which it will be available for inspection will therefore be 13 April 2016. Additional copies of the further information can be purchased from DP9 Limited (100 Pall Mall, London, SW1Y 5NQ) (at a price of £2 per hard copy).

Anyone who wishes to make representations about this application should write to the following address within 21 days beginning with the date of publication of this notice and representations must be received no later than 13 April 2016. Westferry Printworks Public Hearing, The Planning Team, Greater London Authority, City Hall, The Queen's Walk, London SE1 2AA

Alternatively you can use the following email address: westferry@london.gov.uk.

Please note that if you do not submit your comments in writing by 13 April 2016 your views may not be able to be taken into account.

Dated: 21 March 2016

THE GREATER LONDON AUTHORITY

THE TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT) REGULATIONS 2011 (AS AMENDED) (“EIA REGULATIONS”)

NOTICE UNDER REGULATION 22 OF SUBMISSION OF FURTHER ENVIRONMENTAL INFORMATION

On 15 October 2015 Drakar Limited acting for Fast East Consortium International submitted a planning application (reference number: PA/15/02671) to the London Borough of Tower Hamlets (Mulberry Place, 5 Clove Crescent, London, E14 2BG) for the following development at 50 Marsh Wall, 63-69 & 68-70 Manilla Street, London, E14 9TP:

Demolition of all existing buildings, and erection of two buildings of up to 34 and 65-storeys (124.15 metres AOD and 217.50 metres AOD), comprising 634 residential units and a 231-bedroom hotel, together with a two-form entry primary school, replacement healthcare facilities, retention of an existing public house, ground-floor commercial floorspace, and basement parking, together with access, servicing, and landscaping.

The application is accompanied by an Environmental Statement in accordance with the EIA Regulations.

On 10 March 2016 the Mayor of London (City Hall, The Queen's Walk, London SE1 2AA) confirmed (under article 7 of the Town and Country Planning (Mayor of London) Order 2008) that he would act as local planning authority for the purposes of determining the above planning application (GLA ref: D&P/3473a).

The applicant has submitted to the Greater London Authority further environmental information under Regulation 22 of the EIA Regulations, in relation to the Environmental Statement which has already been provided. A copy of the further information will be available to view online at: <https://www.london.gov.uk/what-we-do/planning/planning-applications-and-decisions/public-hearings/alpha-square>

This information may also be inspected by members of the public at all reasonable hours at the Council Offices of the London Borough of Tower Hamlets (Mulberry Place, 5 Clove Crescent, London, E14 2BG) and at City Hall, The Queen’s Walk, London SE1 2AA for 21 days beginning with the date of publication of this notice where copies may be obtained there so long as stocks last. The latest date on which it will be available for inspection will therefore be 11 April 2016. Additional copies of the further information can be purchased from JLL (30 Warwick Street, London, W1B 5NH) (at a price of £2 per hard copy).

Anyone who wishes to make representations about this application should write to the following address within 21 days beginning with the date of publication of this notice and representations must be received no later than 11 April 2016: Alpha Square Public Hearing, The Planning Team, Greater London Authority, City Hall, The Queen's Walk, London SE1 2AA

Alternatively you can email the case officer: nick.ray@london.gov.uk. Please note that if you do not submit your comments in writing by 11 April 2016 your views may not be able to be taken into account.

Dated: 21 March 2016

LONDON BOROUGH OF TOWER HAMLETS

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

PLEASE NOTE THAT THE LONDON BOROUGH OF TOWER HAMLETS PUBLISHES DETAILS OF PLANNING APPLICATIONS IN EAST END LIFE AND THE EAST LONDON ADVERTISER ON ALTERNATE WEEKS.

Applications at the following addresses were published in the East London Advertiser on 17th March 2016 and anyone wishing to comment may view the applications on the Tower Hamlets web site at <http://www.towerhamlets.gov.uk/Home.aspx> or ring 020 7364 5009 for details.

APPLICATIONS AFFECTING CONSERVATION AREAS AND LISTED BUILDINGS

Unit 8, 14 Hertsmere Road, London, E14 4AE	PA/16/00491
Flat 5, 78 White Horse Road, London, E1 0ND	PA/16/00509
797 Commercial Road, London, E14 7HG	PA/16/00418
10B Antill Road, London, E3 5BP	PA/15/03560
61 Brushfield Street, London, E1 6AA	PA/16/00531
Madani Girls School, Myrdle Street, London, E1 1HL	PA/15/03575
Rochelle School, Arnold Circus, London, E2 7ES	PA/16/00315
151-153 Commercial Street, London, E1 6BJ	PA/16/00438 & PA/16/00439
Royal Mint Court, London, EC3N 4QN	PA/16/00479
Royal Mint Court, London, EC3N 4QN	PA/16/00480
176 Sewardstone Road, London, E2 9HN	PA/16/00481
Flat 306, Lexington Building, Fairfield Road, London, E3 2UH	PA/16/00348
89 Myrdle Street, London, E1 1HL	PA/16/00498
65 Old Ford Road, London, E2 9QD	PA/16/00374
4 Heneage Street, London, E1 5LJ	PA/16/00421
Leyton House, 22 Calvert Avenue, London	PA/15/03487
Site between Varden Street and Ashfield Street (Whitechapel Estate), London, E1	PA/15/02959
George Leybourne House, Fletcher Street, London	PA/15/03207
Site At North East Junction Of Cable Street And Ratcliffe Cross Street, Cable Street,	PA/16/00393
83 Barchester Street, London, E14 6BE	PA/16/00472
12 Bow Common Lane, London, E3 4AX	PA/16/00422
12 Hackney Road, London, E2 7NS	PA/16/00242
50 Gun Street, London, E1 6AH	PA/16/00420
172 Brick Lane, London, E1 6RU	PA/16/00402
Flat C, 89 Ashfield Street, London E1 2HA	PA/16/00426
10A Antill Road, London, E3 5BP	PA/15/03562

HOUSEHOLDER APPLICATIONS

18 Chilcot Close, London, E14 6AN	PA/16/00508
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MAJOR APPLICATIONS

Site between Varden Street and Ashfield Street (Whitechapel Estate), London, E1	PA/15/02959
30 Marsh Wall, London, E14 9TP	PA/16/00477
Site At North East Junction Of Cable Street And Ratcliffe Cross Street, Cable Street,	PA/16/00393
83 Barchester Street, London, E14 6BE	PA/16/00472
Royal Mint Court, London, EC3N 4QN	PA/16/00479

NOTICE UNDER ARTICLE 15(3) OF APPLICATION FOR PLANNING PERMISSION ACCOMPANIED BY AN ENVIRONMENTAL STATEMENT

Royal Mint Court, London, EC3N 4QN	PA/16/00479
30 Marsh Wall, London, E14 9TP	PA/16/00477
Site between Varden Street and Ashfield Street (Whitechapel Estate), London, E1	PA/15/02959

Public Inquiry

At 1-3 Corbridge Crescent and 1- 4 The Oval, Bethnal Green, London, E2 9DS	PA/14/03219
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Dated: 21st March 2016

OWEN WHALLEY

HEAD OF PLANNING & BUILDING CONTROL



Public notices

LONDON BOROUGH OF TOWER HAMLETS

ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 – SECTIONS 14 (1) & 15(2)

TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC – WHITE’S ROW E1

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the Council of the London Borough of Tower Hamlets, with the agreement of Transport for London, made an Order, which will, throughout the duration of works, and at times when the existing “no entry” and “one way” traffic sign are covered, temporarily reverse the following one way working:

Location: White’s Row between its junction with Commercial Street and its junction with Crispin Street to operate from west to east;

Reason:

- (a) To allow reversal of vehicular

traffic in a west to east direction to enable a safe logistical route for delivery vehicles from the adjacent property;

- (b) By altering the existing pavement on the footway to allow adequate left turn into Commercial Street from White’s Row.

Period: From Monday 4th April 2016 in excess of two years.

Please refer any queries regarding the above traffic restriction to David Pryce, Network Coordinator, Clean, Green and Highways on 020 7364 6898 or email, david.pryce@towerhamlets.gov.uk

Dated: 21st March 2016

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Terri on 7364 4682
Chris on 7364 4994
Fatima on 7364 4623
Sharan on 7364 4061

LONDON BOROUGH OF TOWER HAMLETS

TOWN & COUNTRY PLANNING ACT 1990

MAJOR APPLICATIONS UNDER ARTICLE 15(4)) OF THE TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT PROCEDURE) ORDER 2015 AND OTHER SIGNIFICANT APPLICATIONS.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE LONDON BOROUGH OF TOWER HAMLETS IS CONSIDERING THE FOLLOWING APPLICATIONS:

The Highway Trading Centre, Heckford Street, London E1W 3HR PA/16/00417

Demolition of the existing structures and the construction of a mixed-use development consisting of buildings ranging from 3 to 16 storeys in height and comprising 6,534 sq. m GIA of office floorspace (Use Class B1a) and 262 residential units (Use Class C3) ; basement car parking and servicing; landscaped open space; and new pedestrian and service routes.

34-40 Bow Road, London, E3 4LN PA/16/03533

The construction of a new building to the rear of 34-40 Bow Road to provide 10 self-contained residential units consisting of 5 x 1 bed units and 5 x 2 bed units with access from Wellington Way.

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Any person who wishes to make representations relating to any of these applications should do so, in writing, within a period of 14 days from the date of publication of this notice to the Development Control Manager at:

Tower Hamlets Planning Department, Mulberry Place, 5 Clove Crescent, London E14 2BG
email: development.control@towerhamlets.gov.uk

Dated: 21st March 2016

OWEN WHALLEY

HEAD OF PLANNING & BUILDING CONTROL



LONDON BOROUGH OF TOWER HAMLETS COUNCIL

PROPOSED LOCAL AUTHORITY ENFORCEMENT OF JOHN ORWELL CAR PARK

THE TOWER HAMLETS (OFF STREET PARKING PLACES) (NO.2) EXPERIMENTAL ORDER 2016

1. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on 21st March 2016, the Council of the London Borough of Tower Hamlets made the above-mentioned Order under section 9 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, as amended by schedule 5 of the Local Government Act 1985 and the Traffic Management Act 2004.
2. The general effect of the Experimental Order under local authority enforcement thereby introducing charges and conditions to the use of the car parks located on,
 - (a) **John Orwell Car Park** – in Tench Street junction with Scandrett Street.
 - (b) Provided that between 8.00am and 10:00pm Mondays to Sundays and that vehicles will be required to Pay by Phone (cash less) parking, the charges at each of the car parks would be as follows:-

Car Park	Monday to Sunday 1 hour	Monday to Friday 4 hours	Monday to Friday All day	Saturday to Sunday 4 hours	Saturday to Sunday All day
John Orwell	£2.00	£5.00	£7.00	£3.00	£5.00

- (c) The Parking places will be open between 8:00am and 10:00pm Mondays to Sundays for use only by motor cycles, motor cars, invalid carriages and good vehicles.
 - (d) Provided that vehicles displaying a disabled person's badge issued by any local authority will only be exempt from the above hourly charge if such vehicles are left in the marked out disabled bays (maximum stay 2 hours no return within 2 hours) from which all other vehicles will be prohibited.
3. A copy of each of the Orders, which will come into operation on 21 March 2016, any person desiring to question the validity of the Orders or of any provision contained therein on the grounds that it is not within the relevant powers of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, or that any relevant requirements thereof or any regulations made thereunder has not been complied with in relation to the Order may, within six weeks of the date on which the Order was made make an application for the purpose to the High Court.
 4. If the provisions of the Orders continue in operation for a period of not less than six months, the Council will consider in due course whether they should be reproduced and continued in force indefinitely by means of Orders under Sections 6, 45, 46, 49 and 124 of the said Act of 1984, as amended by the said Act of 1985 and the said Act of 2004. Any persons desiring to object to the making of any of the Orders under those sections of the said Act of 1984 for the purpose of such reproduction and continuation in force may, within the aforementioned period of six months, send a statement in writing or by email to parking.development@towerhamlets.gov.uk writing of their objections and the grounds thereof to Parking Mobility & Transport Services Offices, 585-593 Commercial Road, London E1 0HJ (0207-364 6949).

Dated: 21st March 2016

SIMON BAXTER
SERVICE HEAD, PUBLIC REALM



Public notices

LONDON BOROUGH OF TOWER HAMLETS

ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 - SECTION 14 (1)

TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC – ASSEMBLY PASSAGE E1

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Council of the London Borough of Tower Hamlets having consulted Transport for London, made an Order, which will prohibit vehicular traffic from entering, stopping or proceeding the following temporary prohibition:

Location: Assembly Passage for a distance of approximately 50 metres, north, from its junction with Redman's Road;

Reason: To allow works to be carried out on the public highway by Agility Alliance on behalf of Thames Water;

Alternative Route: For vehicular traffic will be via Assembly Passage, Mile End Road (westbound), Sidney Street, Adelina Grove and Redman's Road or Redman's Road, Hannibal Road, Stepney Green, Mile End Road and Assembly Passage;

Period: From Tuesday 29th March 2016 to Saturday 2nd April 2016.

Please refer any queries regarding

above traffic restriction to David Pryce, Network Coordinator, Clean, Green and Highways on 020 7364 6898, or email david.pryce@towerhamlets.gov.uk

Dated: 21st March 2016

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LONDON BOROUGH OF TOWER HAMLETS

ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 - SECTION 14 (1)

TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC – BATTY STREET E1

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Council of the London Borough of Tower Hamlets, having consulted with Transport for London, made an Order, to prohibit vehicular traffic from entering, stopping or proceeding the following temporary prohibition:

Location: Batty Street for a distance of approximately 30 metres, south, from its junction with Commercial Road;

Reason: To allow works to be

carried out on the public highway by Centercomms on behalf of BT;

Alternative Route: For vehicular traffic will be via Commercial Road, Christian Street, Fairclough Street and Batty Street;

Period: From Monday 4th April 2016 to Wednesday 6th April 2016.

If you have any queries regarding the above traffic restrictions, please do not hesitate to contact Dave Pryce, Network Coordinator, Network Management Team, Clean, Green & Highways on 020 7364 6898 or email david.pryce@towerhamlets.gov.uk

Dated: 21st March 2016

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LONDON BOROUGH OF TOWER HAMLETS

ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 - SECTION 15(2)

TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC – BOYD STREET E1

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the Council of the London Borough of Tower Hamlets made an Order, which will continue in force to prohibit vehicular traffic from entering, stopping or proceeding the following temporary prohibition:

Location: Boyd Street, for a distance of approximately 30 metres, in the eastern direction, from its junction with Back Church Lane;

Reason: To allow continued building works to be carried out adjacent to the public highway by Cruxden Development Limited;

Alternative Route: For vehicular traffic will be via Boyd Street, Henriques Street, Commercial Road and Back Church Lane and vice versa;

Period: From Tuesday 29th March 2016 in excess of one year.

Please refer any queries regarding the above traffic restriction to Dave Pryce, Network Coordinator, Clean, Green and Highways on 020 7364 6898 or email, david.pryce@towerhamlets.gov.uk

Dated: 21st March 2016

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Terms of provision for sexual health services



Providers of sexual health services who wish to supply services to Tower Hamlets residents are requested to take note of the local prices, terms and processes for payment published by the London Borough of Tower Hamlets effective 1st April 2016 to 31st March 2017.

Terms are available here bit.ly/1nIH5t9



Consultation on Section 75 Agreement

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Council of the London Borough of Tower Hamlets and the Tower Hamlets Clinical Commissioning Group (THCCG) propose to make an agreement under Section 75 of the NHS Act, 2006, whereby the THCCG will commission certain public health services from the General Practitioner practices in Tower Hamlets which the Council will pay for from its public health grant.

For more information about the services covered by the agreement please go to the Tower Hamlets Council website www.towerhamlets.gov.uk/consultation or email diane.harvey@towerhamlets.gov.uk.

Comments must be received by the Council by no later than 5pm on 15th April 2016.

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Where there's a Will, there's a way

Will Greenwood (pictured) was a key member of the England squad which won the rugby World Cup in 2003. Scott Quinnell was capped 52 times by Wales.

Tell the East End

Do you have a sports club you would like to be included in our listings? If so email the details to...

EASTENDLIFE.NEWS@TOWERHAMLETS.GOV.UK

Sport

Sport & leisure

Back to netball

Weekly sessions. £1.10.
Tues, 6pm.
John Orwell Sports Centre,
Tench Street, E1W.
07914 685261

Body conditioning

Thurs, 6.15pm. Shadwell Basin
Centre, Glamis Road, E1.
07961 951522

Cricket coaching

Under-11s and under-13s –
Weds, 4-5.30pm; under-16s –
Tues, 4.30-6pm; ages 16+ –
Thurs 5-8pm.
Dockland Settlement,
197 East Ferry Road, E14.

Docklands women's running group

All abilities welcome
Mon, 6.30pm. Mile End
Stadium, Rhodeswell Road, E14.
07958 368070

Football training

Every Sat, 9-11am for boys and
girls aged 5-11, Mulberry School
for Girls, Richard Street, E1; 12-
1pm for boys and girls aged 3-
5, St Patrick's School, Dundee
Street, E1W.
07956 095218

Kibondo

Martial art for ages 6 & over.
Mon, 6.30-8pm, all ages; Fri, 7-
8.30pm, seniors & adults. £4
adults, £3 children, first lesson
free. Teviot Centre, Wyves
Street, E14.
07956 428654

Kickboxing and self-defence

£5 per class. Suns, 1pm; Tues,
7pm (women only).
Whitechapel Sports Centre,
Durward Street, E1.
07983 201987

Chi Kung

Ancient Chinese meditative
exercises.
Mon, 6-7.15pm.
St Margarets' House
Settlement, E2.
07905 098413

Kool Karate and Fitness Fun Class

Every Tues & Thurs, 5-6pm.
St James-the-Less Hall, St
James's Avenue, E2.
07934 126510

Kung fu

Learn the Wong Shun Leung
system of ving tsun.
Weds, 8-9pm. £7, adults only
(kids classes coming soon).
St John's Church Hall, 200
Cambridge Heath Road, E2.
07930 609379

Kung fu fitness

Mons 7-9pm. Bryant Street
Methodist Centre, Stratford, E15.
07950 637345

Muay Thai for women

KO London, 186 The Arches,
Globe Road, E2. Sat 3-4.15 £7
concs, £9 waged.
7265 9693

Netball

Arbour Netball Club train at
the Parkside Leisure Centre at
Mulberry School, Commercial
Road, E1 every Monday night.
01277 811772

Rugby

Millwall Rugby Club. Men's,
women's and youth teams.
Suns, 10.30am-12pm (youth);
Mons, 7.30-9pm (adults); Weds,
7.30-9pm (men); Thurs. 6.30-
7.30pm (boys aged 7-17); Thurs,
7.30-9pm (women all ages).
www.millwallrugby.com

Rugby for children

Tag rugby (non contact) games
for ages 2 - 7. Sats, 10am-12pm
(term-time). Free trial.
Victoria Park, Grove Road, E9.
01252 794150

Self-defence and keep fit

Self-defence and keep fit with
freestyle taekwondo. Mixed
classes of adults and children.
Tues 6.30-8pm & Sun, 1-3pm.
Tiller Leisure Centre,
Tiller Road, E14.
8310 1469 or 07950 896926

Seniors exercise

Mons, 1.30pm, line dancing;
Tues, 10.45am, workout.
London Dockers Club,
6 Boulcott Street, E1.
7790 3785

Lunchtime yoga

Love Grow Do yoga classes for
all abilities. £3/class.
Mons 1-2pm.
Tarling East Community
Centre, Martha Street, E1.
playgrowdo@gmail.com



Will Greenwood and Scott Quinnell address the players at Millwall Park

International legends launch rugby scheme

BY PETER FAULKNER

RUGBY legends Scott Quinnell and Will Greenwood were in the borough to help out-of-work young men turn their lives around – and become TV stars in the process.

The two former giants of the sport were at Millwall Rugby Club on the Isle of Dogs on Wednesday, March 16, to mould a group of unemployed men into a genuine rugby team.

It was all being done on behalf of the School for Hard Knocks charity, which uses rugby to build confidence and help players find jobs.

And it will form part of a Sky Sports series which will be aired in the summer and follows the progress of all the men.

Greenwood MBE and Quinnell will be creating a team that will play against participants from previous years who have managed to turn their lives around.



The players take a break from their training

Sponsored by government and corporate funding, the charity has a high success rate of finding jobs for those who stay the course.

The programme takes 40 unemployed men, most of whom have never played rugby before, to form a competitive team.

The players will also be given the opportunity to attend a special jobs fair after their eight weeks of training.

School of Hard Knocks chief Ken Cowen said: "The real hard knocks in our courses mean they're not always an easy option – up to a third of participants don't return after the first session.

"But half of those who go the distance find a permanent job.

"This is a phenomenal result for the charity, and it's why we've attracted government and corporate funding."

BETHNAL Green's Warriors Futsal Club (pictured) got their season off to a promising start.

They played a friendly against London Zappsport, who are top of Division Two in the National League South, and surprised everyone by winning 10-5.

It was ideal preparation for their first league match against FC Bayern London and continued their good form in style, winning 10-3 with a hat-trick from Unai, two goals each for Eder, Samuka and Sandor, and a strike by Anderson. Warriors compete in the London Futsal League at Leyton where there is £500 prize money on offer.



Flying high

Wapping have become the first hockey club in Tower Hamlets to make it to the National League.

SEE BELOW

Investment pays off

“Now, we are the first National League side in the area, thanks to the inspiring 2012 legacy facilities and investment by Tower Hamlets Council and Sport England in the John Orwell Centre.”



STUART BURNSIDE, CHAIR OF WAPPING HC

Sport

Soccer round-up Hamlets in the final... again

PWCA Wimbledon 2 FC Hamlets 3

FC HAMLETS are in the final of the London Junior Cup for the second time in three seasons, after a nail-biting extra-time battle with Wimbledon.

This semi started badly at the Carshalton Athletic, ground when keeper Nick Pyne tried to clear his lines just outside the Hamlets box, only to see the attempted clearance hit the onrushing striker allowing him to score from six yards.

Wimbledon soon doubled their lead and Hamlets played out the half with the tie looking virtually over.

But the players came out for the second period with a real spring in their step and, just four minutes in, Jay Morris found the top corner with a magnificent strike from 30 yards out.

The Wimbledon goal was being peppered now and five minutes later Morris again found some space 25 yards out and a speculative shot found the net.

The scores remained locked at 2-2 at full time but, midway through the second period of extra time, Hamlets' John Gilroy put away the decisive goal.

■ FC Hamlets drew 1-1 at home to Herongate leaving them fourth in the Essex Olympian League Division Two and out of the running for the title.

Sporting earn Mile End bragging rights

Tower Hamlets...1 Sporting Bengal...3

THIS clash of the two sides that share Mile End Stadium turned into a one-sided affair as Sporting completed the double over their close rivals for the first time and Tower Hamlets miserable run continued.

Anwar Uddin's side stunned their rivals in the third minute when Prince William opened the scoring.

They then missed a 38th minute penalty but within three minutes of the start of

the second period Mustafa Kahie doubled the lead.

Tunde Adewunmi put Sporting 3-0 ahead with his 19th goal of the season before Ikenwe struck a consolation goal for Tower Hamlets.

Barking...8 Tower Hamlets...0

TOWER Hamlets, beaten in their derby battle against ground-share partners Sporting Bengal, had hoped to bounce back in style.

Instead they were hammered in style as Barking recorded their highest score in ten years in the Essex Senior League.

Early on, there was no sign of what was to come.

For 26 minutes, the game at Mayesbrook Park was goal-less. Then Kieran English made it 1-0 and James Peagram scored a second before the break.

Barking stepped up the pace after half time and Peagram completed his hat-trick within seven minutes before Joe Pearman, plus another treble from Lamar Reynolds, completed the rout.

■ THE season went from bad to worse for Tower Hamlets when they were beaten 4-1 at home by FC Romania. That's 15 goals conceded in three matches and now they are hovering just above the relegation zone.

Celebrities kick off at Queen Elizabeth

A CELEBRITY soccer tournament is being held at the Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park on Saturday, March 26, and organisers claim it will be a star-studded event.

Rudimental and Dappy will kick off alongside Luke Friend and Jeremy McConnell of Celebrity Big Brother, some of X-Factor stars and cast members of Geordie Shore, Game of Thrones and The Apprentice.

The day will also feature an Inner City World Cup with Londoners from outside the UK representing their home countries. There will also be a kids tournament.

The all-day event is being held on the South Lawn beneath The Orbit.

Wapping step up to join the hockey elite

BY PETER FAULKNER

TOWER Hamlets has its first National League side after Wapping Hockey Club men's first team gained promotion from East Premier A, with a 2-1 win over Peterborough.

Their remarkable climb has left club chair Stuart Burnside ecstatic.

“Wapping were the first to bring hockey to east London, inspired by the 1988 Olympic gold,” he said.

“Now, we are the first National League side in the area, thanks to the inspiring 2012 legacy facilities and investment by the council and Sport England in the John Orwell Centre,” he said.

“In football terms, imagine a local Essex senior league team getting all the way up to the Championship, in 13 years – it's that many promotions.

“That shows the years of work by our predecessors, which put us in a position to capitalise on the 2012 legacy.”

Wapping needed just a draw from the clash with Peterborough, by no means guaranteed in the light of a 4-2 defeat at the hands of the visitors in December.

This time Wapping were a different proposition and the tireless running of ex-Wales international Ian Kibble ended with him deflecting home the first goal, followed by a second from Messent.



Wapping goalscorer Ian Kibble

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Peterborough needed three goals to prevent the title coming to London. They could only manage one.

And Burnside says the club is in a very healthy state, from top to bottom.

“The strength in depth is incredible,” he said. “We are incredibly proud of our two first teams winning their leagues, and National League is a huge deal, but across the club we have a further nine teams at the top of their league or already crowned champs and a possibility of more promotions than even that.

“I'm as proud of the beginners who picked up a stick for the first time last

summer and went on to win their leagues as I am of the first teams. What a comprehensive season. Couldn't ask for more.”

Ipswich ladies 1st...2

Wapping Ladies 1st...6

JORDAN Mulvaney made a scoring start on her debut as Wapping maintained their unbeaten run.

Mulvaney opened the scoring but the hosts soon replied. Skipper Lucy Todd re-established the lead before half time.

Ipswich levelled again soon after the break but Wapping edged ahead again through Louise Bull at a short corner.

An own goal made it 4-2 and, as Wapping piled on the pressure, Becky Hart and Todd completed the scoring.

East London ladies 1st...1

Blackheath & Old Elthamians 1st...1

EAST London pulled off a draw with a squad of 12, fighting from start to finish. Blackheath scored in the first half, but Eilis Quinlan equalised after the break.

Pelicans 1st...6

East London men's 1st...7

EAST London travelled to Kings Lynn and ended up just edging a 13 goal thriller. Joe Green scored a hat-trick with two for Harry Fisher and one each for Alex Kickham and captain Sam Boddington.



STEPNEY-based Newark Youth London are junior football's invincibles. Their under-10s A team produced a record-breaking season – winning all 18 matches and scoring 205 goals on the way to league and cup double. Key to the success were strikers Rayyan Hussain, top scorer with 75 goals, and Kaisaan Ahmed, who hit 61. Both have been rewarded with trials with Chelsea FC development squad. Khalid Ahmed was superb in goal and Illias Baiche, Shahidul Rahman and Najib Ahmed solid in defence. Newark run an academy for kids aged 5-16. Email jabid.ullah@newark.org.uk or visit www.newark.org.uk



Mercy heads to Europe

Bethnal Green weightlifter Mercy Brown has been selected to compete in the European championships in Norway starting on April 9. It is her last chance to qualify for the Rio Olympics.

Get off the sidelines

Our sports listings include everything from cricket to yoga and netball to taekwondo.

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Sport



Abul and Emad with their umpiring certificates



Tower Hamlets U13s London Youth Games cricket bronze medallists

School kids go for gold

SCHOOL SPORTS ROUND-UP
BY PETER FAULKNER

STEPNEY'S St Mary & St Michael Primary School has become the first in the borough to strike gold in the Sainsbury's School Games awards programme.

And it was largely due to PE co-ordinator Amy Clough's dedication that they succeeded.

With the support of the Tower Hamlets Youth Sport Foundation (THYSF), 24 schools were recognised by the government for their commitment to physical education and school sport.

St Mary & St Michael have been trailblazers in school sport, attending 43 events in the last academic year, introducing a PE passport scheme and developing a leadership programme to ensure high levels of participation.

At a special assembly, the school was presented with its award and plaque by Chris Dunne, chair of THYSF, in which he commended the school's pupils for their engagement and enthusiasm in sport.

Bygrove, Malmesbury, Marner and Sir William Burrough primary schools all celebrated receiving silver awards, while Bigland Green, Blue Gate Fields Junior, Cayley, Chisenhale, Cubbitt Town Junior, English Martyrs, Globe, Guardian Angels, Harbinger, Hague, Marion Richardson, Mowlem, St Luke's, St Paul's Whitechapel, St Saviour's, Sir

John Cass Primary, Stepney Greencoat, Virginia and William Davis all achieved the bronze standard.

■ TOWER Hamlets, represented by several schools in the borough, finished third in the battle to be crowned the capital's best indoor cricket team.

The under-13s competed against 32 other boroughs for the London Youth Games crown and, led by captain Basit Ahmed of St Paul's Way, made it all the way to the finals day at Lord's.

Tower Hamlets won their quarter-final against Ealing after scoring 135-3. Basit Ahmed and Mahaz Riaz of Swanlea School both retired after giving the team a strong start.

The second innings set the tone with Abutahid Dulal, of East London Academy, bowling well and helping dismiss Ealing for just 74, giving Tower Hamlets a 61-run victory.

In the semi-final against Hounslow,



PE co-ordinator Amy Clough

Tower Hamlets faced a worrying start after losing captain Basit Ahmed early.

The side struggled to build any momentum and were eventually all out for 94. Rahat Dewan (East London Science School) top scored with 30.

Hounslow started well thanks to their opening partnership and steady batting enabled them to cross the winning line with an over to spare.

Tower Hamlets finished third overall in London.

■ THE annual Quicksticks hockey festival at Whitechapel attracted a record entry of 250 pupils and 41 teams from across Tower Hamlets.

St Saviours, Poplar, met Sir William Burrough, also in Poplar, in the final.

Sir William Burrough went a goal down early on but battled back well to score two consecutive goals.

It was end-to-end stuff and St Saviours equalised. Then, as players started getting tired, Saints grabbed one more goal to retain their title.

■ STEPNEY Green sixth form students, Abul Hasnat and Emad Uddin joined other aspiring coaches and umpires at the London Youth Games (LYG) cricket umpiring awards at Lord's.

Following their training Abul and Emad, who are both involved in the Stepping Stones programme with Tower Hamlets Youth Sport Foundation, were invited to umpire at the London Youth Games cricket qualifiers at Harrow

Leisure Centre. In recognition for their effort and commitment they were invited back to Lords for the LYG cricket finals where they received certificates.

They will continue to develop their skills with THYSF cricket development officer Jahid Ahmed to support programmes across Tower Hamlets.

■ THERE were no gold medals for Tower Hamlets in the latest round of London Youth Games events.

Best performances came from Stepney Green boys in the KS3 badminton, where they picked up a bronze medal, and it was also third place for Central Foundation girls in the under-15 volleyball.

Tower Hamlets earned fifth places in both the boccia mini and main events, and the only other top ten finishers were Sir John Cass Foundation, joint seventh in the KS4 girls badminton, Swanlea girls, joint ninth in the KS3 girls badminton and Tower Hamlets seventh in the mini water polo.

Primary athletics: Bishop Challoner year 8 boys joint 16th; Bishop Challoner year 8 girls joint 21st; Bishop Challoner year 7 boys joint 25th; Bishop Challoner year 7 girls joint 25th; St Mary & St Michael 25th.

Netball: Central Foundation year 7 29th; Malmesbury year 5-6 hi-5s joint 29th.

Soccer: Chisenhale year 5-6 boys 29th; St Saviours year 5-6 girls joint 29th.

Karate

Veras come third

POPLAR'S Veras Karate Association had another day to remember when they finished third in the KSE9 championships in Gloucester.

Luca Veras, Liam Veras, Nevaeh Thomas, Dylan Gibson and Donna Blake all took gold medals as did the under-12 team fighting trio of Luan and Liam Veras, and Demie Holland

Luan, Liam and Luca took second place in the team kata while Harry Elvis, Ismail Cinar, Seyhan Cinar, Liam Veras, Luca Veras, Isaac Gibson, Donna Blake, Andras Tamas and Sam Mrabet all won bronze medals.

For further information go to www.verasacademy.co.uk or call 07886 495135.

Athletics

Join The Run

IT'S not too late for Tower Hamlets residents to enter The Run annual 5k race at Hackney Marshes.

The race takes place on May 7 and there are 2,000 free places for local runners.

The 5k begins and ends on Hackney Marshes. To register go to www.runhackney.com

Boxing

13 going for glory

REPTON have 13 boxers chasing national title glory and were due to line up in the Eastern Counties vs London championships as we went to press.

The 13 were: George Mitchell, twins Jack and Bill Oliphant, Johnny Johnston, Henry Smith, Denis McCann, Michael Lee, Joseph Inman, Adam Mohammed, Henry Turner, John Connor Lee, George Ellis and Lasa Masud.

Bill Oliphant, Ellis, Turner, Connor Lee, Johnston, Smith, Mike Lee and Masud all got byes.

■ REPTON made their annual trip to Ireland to take on a Belfast side and won 4-3.

The victories came from Thomas Bennett, Toure Abdul, Alex Mendoza and Sylvester Brobby while majority verdicts went against Billy Beer, Jake O'Meara and Archie Hutchings.



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For stories on football, hockey, school sports and our listings...

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I want to do my family proud

"I am not holding out any ambitions of us winning the race... I am doing something other sailors just dream about and I just hope I can do my team and my family proud."

CHARLIE STANNARD



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NEWS FROM TOWER HAMLETS COUNCIL AND YOUR COMMUNITY

Charlie's ocean adventure

BY PETER FAULKNER

YOUNG sailor Charlie Stannard has embarked on the trip of a lifetime as part of the Round the World Clipper Race team.

The 20-year-old set off from Qingdao, China, for the Pacific leg of the race and won't be back on dry land until his ship reaches the west coast of America, some 5,500 miles later, around April 25.

En route across the world's largest ocean Charlie, from Saverake Close, Isle of Dogs, can expect to encounter some of Mother Nature's toughest conditions, including towering waves, howling winds and high speed surfs.

At times, the fleet's closest human neighbours will be the astronauts orbiting above them in the international space station.

Charlie, who has competed at three national and two world championships, told East End Life: "I am doing something other sailors just dream about and I just hope I can do my team and my family proud."

But his dream hit choppy waters when his visa application was rejected twice.

Charlie, a member of the Docklands Watersports and



Charlie Stannard before he set off for China

Sailing Centre, was turned down first because he did not have a letter from his sponsors.

His second application was also rejected because there were

fears he wouldn't return to England as he didn't have sufficient funds.

But Charlie was eventually cleared to join the crew of the

Ichorcoal, skippered by Darren Ladd.

He said: "I have waited months for this opportunity, but when the problems began over

my visa application I thought it was all going to end in tears.

"Thankfully, everything turned out fine in the end and, although it is going to be tough,



I hope they let me take a bottle of bubbly... I am determined to have a party with the crew."

I cannot wait to get to sea. I am not holding out any ambitions of us winning the race and will just be happy to get through it without any major incidents."

There is one thing Charlie is keen to make happen – on April 6 he turns 21, and he wants to raise a glass or two.

He said: "I hope they let me take a bottle of bubbly with me, but I am determined to have a party with the crew."

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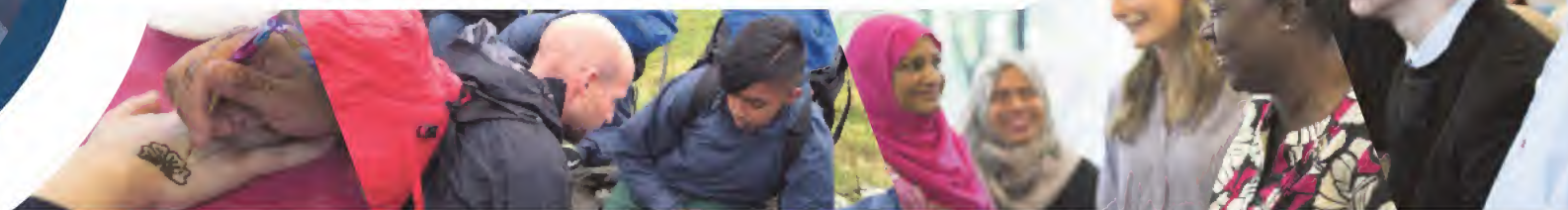
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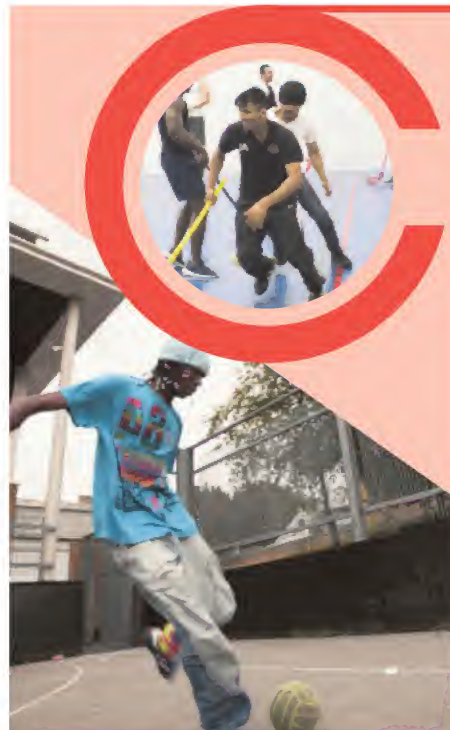
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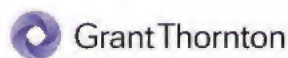


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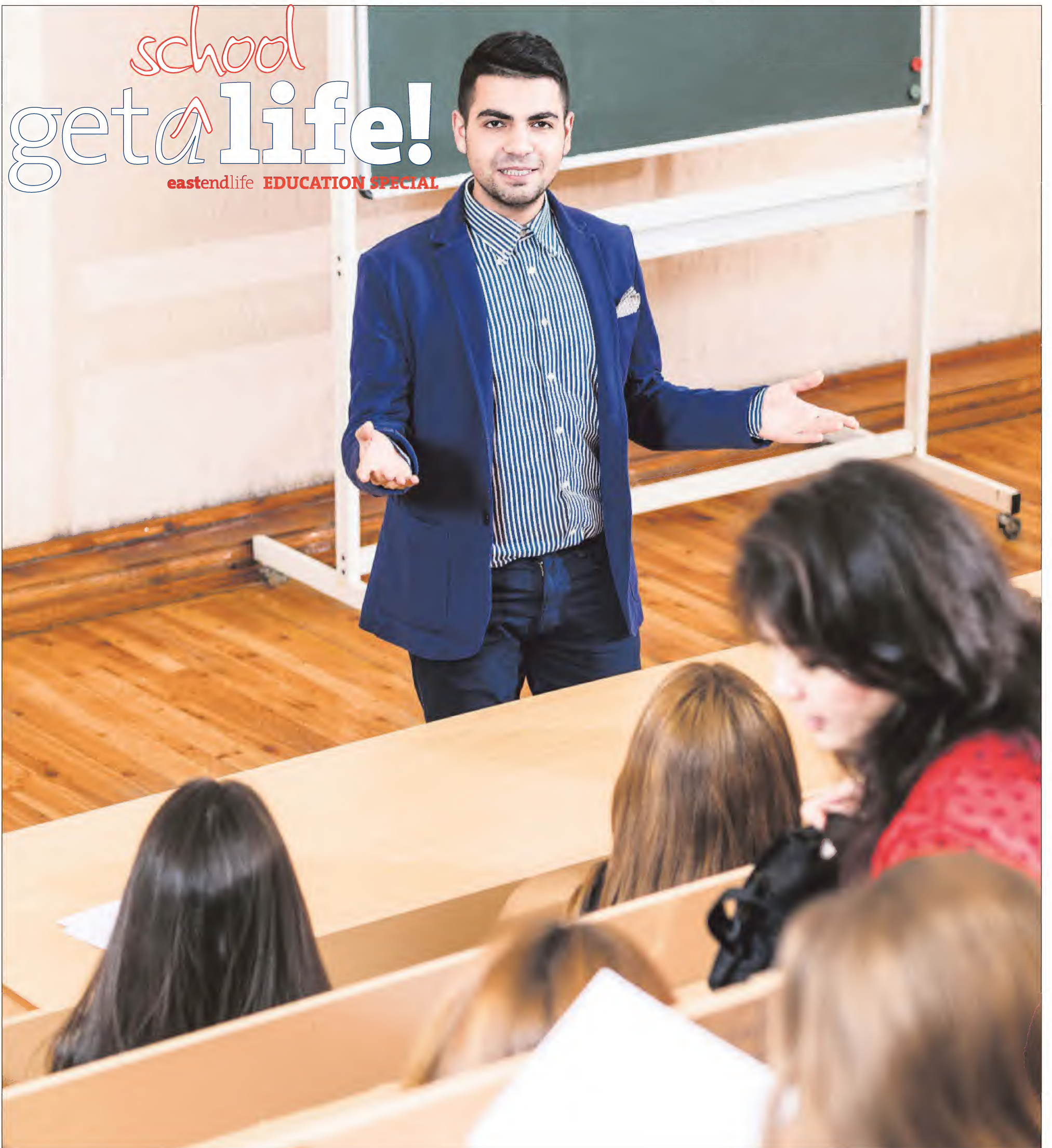


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Traineeship was just the job for Lauren

IT'S not easy finding a job these days, if you haven't yet got the experience or skills needed for a career and you have few or no qualifications – a truth 17-year-old Lauren Baker knows only too well.

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Parmiter's gift to bookworms

PARMITER'S Bethnal Green Educational Fund is a small charity, which started in 1977.

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Contained in the will was provision for 'one free school house or room wherein ten children of the Hamlet of Bethnal Green may be taught to read and write'.

The first Parmiter's School was opened off Brick Lane in 1722. It moved to larger premises in Parmiter Street in 1839 and moved again, in 1887, to Approach Road.

In 1977 Parmiter's School moved from Bethnal Green to Hertfordshire, the building in Approach Road became part of Raine's School, and Parmiter's Bethnal Green Educational Fund was formed.

The fund's remit is to support the education of children and young people

in 'Bethnal Green', defined geographically by the boundaries of the old Metropolitan Borough of Bethnal Green'.

Parmiter's Educational Fund currently runs two schemes, in partnership with a number of local schools, to deliver the aims of the fund.

The 'A Book For You' scheme provides a book token for every child in year 2 in a Bethnal Green primary school. This is often linked to school activities around World Book Day, which takes place in March every year.

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- Are you a student starting (or continuing) at University in October 2016?
- Do you live in Bethnal Green*?
- Have you been to school locally?



Parmiter's Bethnal Green Educational Fund

We are a Charity that can help students who live in the old Metropolitan Borough of Bethnal Green* (E2 post-codes, Collingwood Estate E1, Bow E3 between Regent's Canal and Driffild & Lyal Roads) or live in Tower Hamlets and attend, or attended, sixth form at one of Cambridge Heath Sixth Form, Raine's School or Bethnal Green Academy.

If the answer to all three questions is 'yes', you may be eligible for a £200 book grant from Parmiter's Bethnal Green Educational Fund

The application form and map can be downloaded from www.towerhamlets.gov.uk or via the Parmiter's Bethnal Green Educational Fund's Facebook page.

A fully completed application form and a map correctly marked with your address need to arrive with the Clerk to the Trustees by **Friday 1 July 2016.**

Students thriving at leading college

SITUATED just two minutes away from the leading business district of Canary Wharf, it's little wonder that Tower Hamlets College is producing inspired and successful students.

In 2015, we received our best A level results and the highest number of top A level grades, with 31 per cent of students receiving grades A*, A and B.

We are proud of our reputation for getting students into university, with 87 per cent of 16- to 18-year-olds going on to study at university in 2015.

Many attend the best Russell Group institutions such as Kings, UCL and Queen Mary as well as Exeter and Warwick, studying a wide range of degrees in subjects including law, biomedicine, maths, politics, finance and economics, the sciences and aerospace and civil engineering.

Tower Hamlets College is rated as good with outstanding features by Ofsted. Its business faculty was rated outstanding for its high standard of teaching and connections which provide great opportunities for students.

With its prime location it also boasts large numbers of internship and apprenticeship opportunities, placing



Tower Hamlets College is proud of the number of its students who go on to university

more students in internship positions within Canary Wharf businesses than any other London college.

It also has strong relationships established with highly respected international businesses at Canary Wharf such as KPMG, Cap Gemini and Thom-

son Reuters, offering students opportunities in accountancy and audit, business, IT and administration.

So why choose to come to college? A key reason is that our college provides students with a more independent environment than most schools offer.

The college prepares students for university and work by giving them the confidence to become independent and responsible individuals.

It offers a change from school as well as a variety of pathways for students, with a huge assortment of choice, from

traditional A levels to a range of vocational diplomas and apprenticeships, students can choose the best course suited to their personal needs.

Vocational qualifications are widely recognised by universities when they make decisions on offering degree places and many of our vocational students have progressed to study degrees in science, law and business.

We offer courses at multiple levels of ability ranging from 14-16 courses to our adult and higher education courses, including a range of HNC and HND courses in business, computing and health and social care.

There are also numerous facilities for students. It is the only college in the UK to have its own Subway on campus, as well as a Costa coffee.

Students and parents tell us that they find the college safe, inclusive and diverse, with a high quality of teaching and support available at all levels.

So why not come and see for yourself? Pick up a prospectus, take a look at our website, watch our student films on our YouTube channel, or come and speak with our students and find out why we are a good choice to help you achieve your ambitions.

A GOOD COLLEGE WITH OUTSTANDING FEATURES Ofsted 2014



50+

students placed in internship positions with top Canary Wharf businesses - the most of any London college

87%

of our 16-18 year old students progressed to leading universities - well above the national average of 75%

94%
Achievement
Rate 2015

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Studying A-levels in English,
Sociology & Psychology

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"I think this college is the best place for students"

Student Survey 2015



Lamar Roberts did the New Beginnings course, then went on to study for a degree in sports coaching at UEL

Life-changing the University

FOR many years UEL was known as ‘the people’s university’ and this is still true today.

We pride ourselves on supporting the ambitions of people in east London – not just the 18-year-olds, but working mums and dads, professionals and people who may have missed out on education before.

Short courses

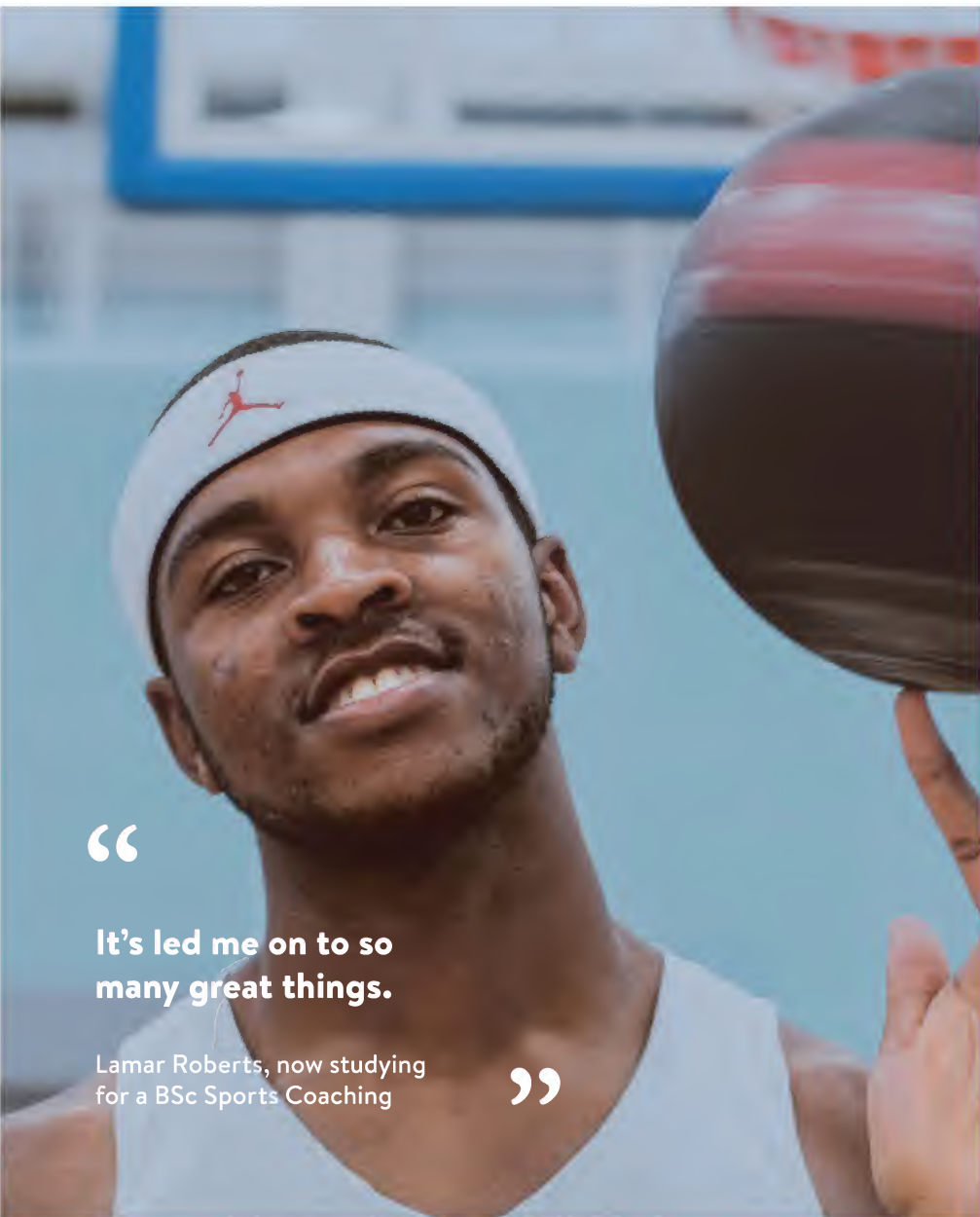
Right now we’re preparing to run our short courses, starting in April and May.

New Beginnings is a very popular course that helps you gain the skills and confidence you need to go on to a full degree.

Mabel Ododo had been a cleaner for many years when she started New Beginnings, aged 50, so that she could get a better job. Mabel had no computer skills and was very nervous about going back into education but, after New Beginnings, she completed a degree in counselling and now works at UEL.

Lamar Roberts is another short course success story. “I did New Beginnings,” he said. “There were lots of people getting back into studying so we took strength from each

New Beginnings helps you gain the skills you need to go on to a degree



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It’s led me on to so many great things.

Lamar Roberts, now studying for a BSc Sports Coaching

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other. I was then able to study for a degree in sports coaching at UEL, which is where I am now. This has led me on to many great things like playing basketball professionally. I just want to encourage you – if you’ve got a dream, keep going.”

New Beginnings is a 12-week course starting in April. It’s taught on Tuesday evenings or Wednesday mornings for three hours per week, plus some personal study you will need to do. There is financial support available for students on low incomes and around half of our students receive this.

If you’d like to find out more and talk to our friendly advice and guidance team, just call 020 8223 4354 and see what a difference it could make.

Start a degree in September

If you’re a mum or dad with a teenager in the house, you will want to give them the best advice you can about their future.

Many 17- and 18-year-olds struggle to decide what to do after leaving school or college but there are lots of opportunities, right on your doorstep. We understand that if you haven’t been to university

yourself, it’s difficult to advise your children – but that’s where we can help.

At UEL we have undergraduate degree courses in a wide range of subjects – some of which your son or daughter will have studied and some of which will be completely new to them. English, history, business and sport go alongside psychosocial studies, international development, construction management and dance.

All of our courses are focused on developing the skills and knowledge that will be needed to get a great job in three or four years time. We have very strong connections with industry and our graduates have great success finding employment.

We want to support your student to succeed, so if they are not quite ready for a full degree, we offer foundation years in many subjects including early childhood studies, sports science and sociology. And we have a very generous range of scholarships to help with the finances.

If you’d like your son or daughter to see what’s on offer, bring them along to our open day on June 25 and they could be starting their degree this September.

Find out more at www.uel.ac.uk



Mabel Ododo started New Beginnings at 50, then went on to complete a degree in counselling



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AT London Enterprise Academy, our vision is to establish an outstanding school that will ensure students achieve success in their school life and beyond.

We believe success at school provides a strong foundation for students to become engaged citizens who believe in themselves and can bring about positive change, for themselves and the society they live in.

In addition to achieving academic excellence, our vision is to instil in every child the beliefs, behaviours and attitudes that will underpin success in life. This will mean every student will be equipped to:

- create and seize opportunities for themselves and others
- contribute to the Big Society
- bridge the skills gap faced by future employers.

Our ethos will support this vision by creating a school that is sympathetic to the social background of the students and be pro-active with respect to the unique opportunities this dynamic and well situated borough affords.

Central to our school's ethos is a student-centric, individualised learning approach designed to achieve success for each and every student, regardless of where their abilities lie.

In addition to following the National

Curriculum, we provide an enterprise and enrichment curriculum so pupils can develop originality, skill and enthusiasm across a range of creative, physical and cultural activities in school and the wider community.

Activities include languages, sports, debating, drama, art, and catch-up classes in English, maths and science

We have invested in recruiting excellent, motivated and inspirational teachers and support staff. We insist on high standards from pupils and staff adopting a 'no excuses' approach to attitude, work and discipline.

As a community focused school, we are working hard to forge close links with inspiring individuals, innovating business and successful charities within the wider community.

We have raised money for local and national charities and have collected food items for Tower Hamlets Foodbank. We have worked on several different projects in collaboration with City businesses involving work within school and trips out.

We offer our students, modern fitted classrooms, small class sizes, excellent teaching and learning, iPads for all students and regular trips.

Prospective parents can visit the school to see the high standards we demand from our students.



Swanlea Sixth Form received a glowing report from Ofsted inspectors

Be outstanding with Swanlea Sixth Form

SWANLEA Sixth Form is part of an OFSTED Outstanding mixed 11-19 school, serving the community in the heart of Tower Hamlets.

It is a rapidly expanding and exciting environment, full of fantastic opportunities and exceptional teaching. According to one of our Year 12s: "It is now one of the most highly regarded schools in the local area... and rightly so."

The sixth formers at Swanlea School have access to a dedicated team of experienced mentors and careers advisors to help with the transition from GCSE to A level study and prepare them for life after Swanlea.

Our academic mentors are subject specialists and work with students on challenging areas of the curriculum, revision and exam techniques.

As well as this, students have access to a KS5 Independent Learning Centre and are timetabled for study sessions with our general mentors.

These sessions provide an excellent opportunity for the students to study

independently or in small groups, and they are able to gain feedback on their literacy and essay writing skills.

Students are encouraged to take advantage of growing up in the capital and we have extensive links with international businesses that provide access to unique extracurricular activities, such as business mentoring and skills workshops.

Alongside this, we have an excellent relationship with Russell Group and Oxbridge universities, and the number of students going on to higher education is at an all-time high – with more than 90 per cent progressing to university.

Our diverse approach to learning and extensive academic support network has allowed the sixth form to grow from strength to strength each year, and we are exceptionally proud of our young adults and all that they achieve.

At Swanlea sixth form we strongly believe that personal growth is essential in developing successful young people. We aim to provide them with as many enriching experiences as possible, broadening their understanding of the world – both locally and internationally.

A group of Year 12 and 13 students recently visited Barcelona, including a trip to the Sagrada Familia and the Nou Camp football stadium. Meanwhile, we have brought a taste of the Far East to Swanlea by hosting Korean and Japanese after school clubs, at the request of students.

We also actively encourage students to take responsibility for their health and wellbeing. Our BTEC Health and Social Care students ran a fantastic campaign on the importance of healthy eating and we hold regular sports clubs such as Zumba, football and basketball.

At Swanlea sixth form, we recognise that building excellent relationships with families is essential. We hold information evenings throughout the year and are always keen to invite you in to see how we are doing.

We are proud of our community, both inside and beyond the school gates and would love for you to join us.



The academy has supported Tower Hamlets Foodbank



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"Sixth form achievement is outstanding"

"A-level results are above average"

"The quality of teaching in the sixth form is outstanding"

"The courses available provide students with a wide range of choice"



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